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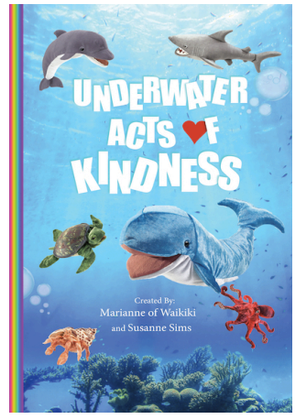

"Underwater Acts of Kindness"

Inspires Plastic Pollution Clean-up in Hawaii's Ocean Waters and Pacific Coast

"Underwater Acts of Kindness" is a newly published children's book featuring sign language characters. The book is written for all ages of the heart, and created by puppet master and international sign language entertainer Marianne L. Ambrose (Marianne of Waikiki) and written by Susanne Sims. It playfully educates Hawaii's youth and general population about the importance of keeping plastics out of the ocean. It incorporates the use of Folkmanis® Puppets, and a musical soundtrack by local singer-songwriter Lucie Lynch and the Perfect Wave.

The story tells the tale a family of Hawaiian Humpback whales that discovers an enormous pile of plastic trash swirling in the waters between Hawaii and California. Known as "The Great Pacific Garbage Patch" it is one of the world's five main gyres where vast amounts of plastic pollution and man made debris are collecting. Together with their marine friends, the whales undertake a heroic effort to clean it up. They call for help by singing a compelling and powerful song that is heard across the globe. Students are encouraged to collaborate with this music by adding dance moves, hula, and their own musical instruments via the Acts of Kindness Facebook page/book club.

"So much plastic is finding its way into the world's oceans that by the year 2050, it is expected that there will be more plastic than fish," says Ambrose. "Cleaning up the world's plastic gyres will require the cooperation of everyone and many nations."

Ambrose is an American Sign Language interpreter who holds a BS in Communication Disorders/Audiology from Central Michigan University. Included in the story is a spotlight on what happens when one of the whales is injured in a boating accident and temporary loses his sonar and hearing. This is an issue Ambrose can personally relate to. "I've dealt with my own

hearing loss challenge which resulted from a car accident," says Ambrose. "Because there are over 320 million people with healing loss, we've incorporated some basic sign language into the book, by signing with sea creatures."

Ambrose is available for book signings, speaking engagements, and children's events. She has participated in a sailing book signing tour in the Florida Keys at Key West Aquarium and Aquarium Encounters. Special events include "Keiki Day" at Sea Life with music by Lucie Lynch and the Perfect Wave, featuring the sounds of whales and dolphins.

Teachers can request "The Acts of Kindness" books for their schools and organize field trips to local aquariums via DonorChoose.org. The complete series of books, including "Underwater Acts of Kindness", "Rabbit Act of Kindness - No Bully" and "Righteous Acts of Kindness", are available on www.Amazon.com, www.ActsofKindness.website or by contacting Marianne L. Ambrose, (808) 445-5100, or MarianneofWaikiki@gmail.com

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FOLKMANIS® Puppets

NOAAH'S SONG

Oh land dwellers, hear our call
Oh walking ones we need you all
Your plastic poison mess
Is causing pain and stress

It's robbed us of our health
And the oceans of its wealth
Can't you hear us crying?
The oceans they are dying

Send your help this way
Hurry, don't delay!

Oh land dwellers, hear our call
Oh walking ones we need you all
Please send your help this way
Hurry, don't delay!
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MUSICAL MELE CONTEST

All schools and music departments are invited to take part in the "Underwater Acts of Kindness" song contest.

Create a melody for Noaah the whale as he sings about the importance of ocean clean-up and removing plastic from the ocean!

Perform Noaah's song at your school!

For more information visit

Acts of Kindness Facebook page/ book club.