ANGELS BASEBALL FOUNDATION INVESTS IN OCEAN INSTITUTE TO PROVIDE CHILDREN WITH AN OCEAN OF EDUCATION

Dana Point and Anaheim, CA (February 13, 2019) - A leader in hands-on education in Orange County for more than forty years, Ocean Institute has been awarded a $7,000 grant from the Angels Baseball Foundation for its Adopt-A-Class program.

“Ocean Institute has a long-standing commitment to underserved children across Orange County by providing access to the ocean and to STEM-based, hands-on programs focused on the ocean and our local marine life. This is a program we feel very strongly about to inspire the next generation of ocean and environmental champions,” said Ocean Institute president and CEO Dan Pingaro. “Adopt-A-Class is the gateway for many children to experience the ocean for the first time and it is a profound, life-changing experience.”

Ocean Institute has served over 18,000 children from Anaheim over the past five years and this grant from the Angels Baseball Foundation will sponsor students from Title I schools in Anaheim in the spring and fall of 2019 to participate in ocean science exploration and experiments on the 70-foot research vessel, Sea Explorer, and in Ocean Institute's waterfront science labs.

“The Angels Baseball Foundation is pleased to support the Ocean Institute and its Adopt-A-Class program,” said Angels Baseball Chairman, Dennis Kuhl. “Assisting children and supporting educational endeavors are two of the primary focuses of the Foundation. The impact of Adopt-A-Class in both teaching and influencing children from within the Anaheim community is so important. The Ocean Institute has a long history of educating and inspiring. Our Foundation and the Angels Baseball family are proud to provide funding for these educational opportunities.”

“We are absolutely thrilled to establish this partnership with the Angels and the Angels Baseball Foundation to expand their incredible commitment to the education and wellbeing of less fortunate children,“ stated Lee Samango Gottlieb, an Ocean Institute board member. “This is a homerun in terms of making a deep impact in the lives of Anaheim kids and I cannot wait to help host their visit to Ocean Institute.”

About Ocean Institute
Ocean Institute is a nonprofit organization focused on ocean literacy. As an innovator in science and marine education, its mission is to use the ocean as the classroom to inspire children to learn.
Ocean Institute creates programs and public events rooted in marine science, conservation, maritime history and outdoor education for young people and adults to cultivate ocean-literate and environmentally-conscious individuals. Its diverse educational programs are STEAM-based and foster exploration, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity skills through immersive experiences in teaching labs, on field trips and at sea. Ocean Institute inspires and engages students, the public, and supporting partners with hand-on exhibits, a live collection of local marine life and active programs including its signature annual events, Jazz Festival and Tall Ships Festival. Learn more at oceaninstitute.org.

About Angels Baseball Foundation

The Los Angeles Angels joined Major League Baseball as an expansion team in 1961 and have since gone on to win nine American League Western Division Championships, host three All-Star games and capture the 2002 World Series Championship. Over its 58-year history, the franchise also boasts four MVP’s, two Cy Young winners, three Rookie of the Year winners, 38 Rawlings Gold Glove winners and 155 All-Stars. Visit the Angels online at www.Angels.com, follow on Twitter and Instagram @Angels and like on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Angels. For media information, visit www.angelspressbox.com.

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