



"Our children can inherit a legacy of wastefulness, or an action plan that can save our planet. That is why we created *Captain Planet and the Planeteers*."

-Ted Turner

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Captain Planet Foundation Awards an Environmental Education Grant to Downeast Institute

Beals, Maine – December 14, 2016 – The Captain Planet Foundation, an organization dedicated to funding educational programs that give students hands-on, project-driven learning experiences with real environmental outcomes, is proud to announce that **Downeast Institute** was recently awarded an **Environmental Education Grant** in the amount of **\$2500**, to be used towards their work with the **Beals Elementary School** project "Let's Find Out What is Out There – Then Manage, Restore, and Protect It."

"We are so impressed with the project brought to us by **Downeast Institute and the Beals Elementary School**," says Leesa Carter, Executive Director of the Foundation. "We are honored to play a part in funding its implementation and wish **Downeast Institute and the Beals Elementary School** great success on this important project. It is our hope that our combined efforts to educate, empower, involve and invest in today's youth will cultivate a better tomorrow for everyone."

DEI has been developing its marine science education programs for many years, according to their Education Program Director, Colleen Haskell. "We are so proud of the work we are doing with our local students, and to be recognized by the Captain Planet Foundation in this way shows the potential impact of what we are doing together."

Project Description

Our project will teach children how to use techniques developed at DEI to protect young clams from predators, giving them a chance to grow and survive to marketable size.

About The Downeast Institute

The Downeast Institute is a nonprofit organization working to improve the quality of life for the people of downeast and coastal Maine through applied marine research, technology transfer, and public marine resource education. Its production hatchery and learning wet lab/classroom is located on Great Wass Island, in the town of Beals, Maine. Its educational programming emphasizes experiential learning and authentic student marine research to promote engagement in science and environmental stewardship.

About The Captain Planet Foundation

Based on the critically-acclaimed animated series *Captain Planet and the Planeteers*, CPF was co-founded in 1991 by media mogul Ted Turner and producer Barbara Pyle. Since then, the Captain Planet Foundation has played a critical role in helping to ensure that the next generation of business leaders and policy makers are environmentally literate citizens who leverage technology and information to manage and protect the air, land, and water upon which all life depends.

CPF is a grant-making foundation that has funded over 2,000 hands-on environmental education projects with schools and non-profits that serve children in all 50 U.S. states and in 23 countries internationally. More than 1.2 million children have directly participated in and benefited from these educational projects. In addition to its Small Grants Program, the Captain Planet Foundation also operates the following programs: Project Learning Garden, Project Endangered Species, the Leadership Center, SAGES, Planeteer Clubs, and a number of other science education initiatives that promote the intersections between technology, innovation, the environment and personal action.

For more information: www.captainplanetfoundation.org.