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The Ocean Institute is pleased to participate with the San Clemente Rotary Club with their upcoming project to support Adopt A Class Field Trips for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year. This project will help support the Adopt A Class program's mission to ensure that any student who wants to participate in an Ocean Institute educational program is able to despite any financial constraints.

Students that participate in the Adopt A Class field trips come from Title I schools. These schools have over 75% of their students in the Federal Free and Reduced Meal program.

The lack of funding in our school systems directly affects these students. The Ocean Institute's desired outcome for these underserved students is to create future stewards of our oceans and environment with an emphasis on continued education. In addition to an educational experience, all our field trips accomplish the following:

1. All educational programs meet CA State standards, which help improve test scores.
2. All programs teach math and science concepts that can be quickly grasped by students and are presented in the context of ocean science.
3. All programs teach cooperative learning abilities with a focus on communication and leadership.
4. The grant helps broaden participation in underserved students in the field of science, especially to minority students who are severely underrepresented in the sciences.

Thank you for your support of the Ocean Institute's Adopt A Class program.

Best Wishes,

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