

**Local Mom Publishes Children’s Book to Honor Her Son’s Memory;
Book Profits to be Donated to Local Non-Profit.**

Palatine, Illinois - In February of 2020, Echo Morgan tragically lost her son Matthew Morgan, a Palatine native, who died in Okinawa, Japan while serving in the US Army. To honor his memory and legacy she wrote and published her first children’s book titled ***Scuba Matt’s Underwater Adventure***. Profits from the book will be donated to create a scuba diving training grant in his name.

“Matt was an avid scuba diver and instructor. He loved the ocean, scuba diving and teaching others,” stated Morgan. “After his death and through my grief, I needed an outlet - a way to cope - and had a strong need to honor my son’s memory to ensure he would never be forgotten,” explained Morgan. “The idea of writing a book popped into my head while walking one day and I went home and wrote the first draft of what would become *Scuba Matt’s Underwater Adventure*.”

Scuba Matt’s Underwater Adventure takes readers on an adventure to meet and learn about a variety of sea animals and marine life. Readers are swept into a magical underwater world and come face-to-face with a variety of sea animals and marine life including coral reefs, fish, stingrays, octopus and more. The book is filled with bright colorful illustrations, rhyming verse and fun facts. “The book is geared toward ages 3-10 but makes learning about the ocean fun for both children and adults,” said Morgan. “The book is a fun story designed to excite, educate and entertain young readers while also offering fun facts that older children and adults will enjoy as well.”

And what started out as a project for family and friends has turned into publishing and selling almost 1,000 copies of the book so far. “The response to the book has been so positive that I continue to print more books and I’m now focused on donating profits from the sale of the book to create a scuba diving training grant in Matt’s name,” explained Morgan. “My goal is to partner with a local non-profit organization called ***DiveHeart*** to help provide financial assistance to disabled and wounded veterans, who would like to learn to scuba dive but might not have the financial means to do so, “ continued Morgan. “My hope is that the book and scuba diving training grant will inspire future divers and protectors of the ocean. I cannot think of a better way to honor my son Matthew and his legacy.”

For more information please visit the authors website at www.RedFinBooks.com.

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About: Echo Morgan, Author – Echo’s path to becoming an author started after she tragically lost her son Matthew in a scuba diving accident while he was serving in the military in Okinawa, Japan. She wrote and published her first children’s book *Scuba Matt’s Underwater Adventure* to honor the memory of her son. Profits from the sale of the book will be used to create a scuba diving training grant in Matt’s name. She recently published her second book, *The Kindness Fairy* and is currently working on additional books. Her goal is to use a portion of the profits of future books to give back to the community.

About: DiveHeart - Diveheart, located in Downers Grove, Illinois, is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to provide and support educational scuba diving programs that are open to any child, adult or veteran with a disability, with the hope of providing both physical and psychological therapeutic value to that person. For more information please visit www.DiveHeart.org.

