

Embracing Our Differences back in Bradenton March 29-May 31

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MANATEE -- The Patterson Foundation bestowed a one-time gift of \$20,000 to Embracing Our Differences for help in providing transportation to more than 3,000 students to attend a screening of "We the People," one of the highlights of the Veterans Legacy Film Festival at the 2014 Veterans Legacy Summit held in Sarasota in November.

In 2013, the organization marked its 10th anniversary with an expansion of the exhibit to Riverwalk in downtown Bradenton.

The next exhibit is set for March 29-May 31 at Sarasota's Island Park and Bradenton's Riverwalk.

Information: Call 941-404-5710 or go to embracingourdifferences.org.

Mote Marine Laboratory launches \$50M campaign

SARASOTA -- Mote leaders unveiled "Oceans of Opportunity: the Campaign for Mote Marine Laboratory" to 225 supporters, contributors and friends of the independent, nonprofit lab during an invitation-only gathering Jan. 22, at Mote's home base on City Island, Sarasota.

Below are some of the goals Mote seeks to attain by 2020:

- Expanding its annual budget from \$21 million now to more than \$25 million;

- Increasing Mote's team of Ph.D. scientists from 35 now to more than 45;
- Increasing staff from 210 now to more than 235;
- Sustaining 1,600 volunteers;
- Increasing the number of Mote members from 9,000 now to 12,000; and
- Increasing its annual economic impact in Florida from \$86.8 million now to \$145.801 million.

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-- Herald staff reports

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