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Tinamarie Hernandez, Executive Director of Diveheart, Honored with "Everyday Disability Hero Award" at 2024 Disability Matters North America Conference & Awards

[Downers Grove, IL, April 7, 2024] - Tinamarie Hernandez, the Executive Director of Diveheart, has been awarded the prestigious "Everyday Disability Hero Award" at the 2024 Disability Matters North America Conference & Awards. Hosted by Springboard Consulting, the conference took place on April 4th and 5th in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This year marked the 18th annual conference, solidifying its position as one of the most significant corporate events globally.

Disability Matters is renowned for recognizing corporations worldwide that are at the forefront of mainstreaming disability across three pivotal categories: Workforce, Workplace, and Marketplace. In addition to these categories, Disability Matters North America offers three additional award categories: Steps-to-Success, Disability Champion, and Employer/Supplier of Choice. These awards highlight initiatives that are driving positive change and inclusion for individuals with disabilities.



Tinamarie Hernandez's receipt of the "Everyday Disability Hero Award" underscores her remarkable dedication and leadership in promoting inclusivity and empowerment for individuals with disabilities. As the Executive Director of Diveheart, she has played a pivotal role in advancing the organization's mission to provide adaptive diving experiences for people with disabilities, fostering confidence, independence, and self-esteem.

The Awards Ceremony, a highlight of the conference, publicly celebrates the outstanding initiatives and accomplishments of organizations and individuals dedicated to advancing disability inclusion. Alongside Tinamarie Hernandez, other esteemed honorees were recognized for their exemplary efforts in driving positive change within their respective spheres.

The Disability Matters North America Conference brings together experts from corporations, academia, government, and the national non-profit sector to share best practices and insights on fostering inclusivity and accessibility. Attendees gain valuable knowledge and strategies for successfully embarking on this essential work, contributing to a more inclusive society.

Tinamarie Hernandez's recognition as an "Everyday Disability Hero" reflects Diveheart's unwavering commitment to breaking barriers and empowering individuals with disabilities through transformative diving experiences. Her leadership and advocacy continue to inspire positive change, making a meaningful impact on the lives of countless individuals.

For more information about Diveheart and Tinamarie Hernandez's work, visit <https://www.diveheart.org>.

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#### **About Diveheart:**

Diveheart is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to building confidence and independence in children, adults, and veterans with disabilities through the power of scuba diving. Founded on the principle that no one should be excluded from the underwater world, Diveheart provides life-changing experiences and therapy to individuals with disabilities, offering them a sense of freedom, adventure, and accomplishment.

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