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Fourth Grader Raises Funds to Save the Turtles; Donates to Texas State Aquarium Rehabilitation Program

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – On **Thursday, January 18 at 4:30 p.m.**, fourth-grade student Sommer Flowers will donate more than \$75 to the Texas State Aquarium rehabilitation program. Flowers raised the money by holding a cardboard sign reading “Save the Turtles... Be a Hero” in front of her house in Alice, Texas.

Nine-year-old Flowers attends Hillcrest Elementary School and is an animal enthusiast. Her hero, Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin, inspired her to collect money to help injured and endangered sea turtles. Flowers said she began raising money two weeks ago.

Texas State Aquarium Chief Development Officer Mary McQueen said:

“Sommer’s commitment to conservation is inspiring. It is heartwarming that someone so young believes in the beauty of the wild enough to give of her time and talent for the benefit of sick and injured sea turtles. Conservation and philanthropy efforts are gifts to our community; they both hold the promise of a better future for all through the actions of individuals. With her efforts, Sommer has chosen to be an individual who makes a difference.”

Flowers’ donation will help the Aquarium continue its mission of rehabilitating injured animals. When she grows up, Flowers says she wants to carry on her own destiny to help animals.

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