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**GRANT HELPS MAN IN THE SEA MUSEUM PROVIDE
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING TO AREA STUDENTS AND VISITORS**

WATERSOUND, Fla. (May 2, 2014) -- The St. Joe Community Foundation has provided a \$1,000 grant to Panama City Beach-based Man in the Sea Museum to support its scientific and educational library and programming for area students and visitors. The Museum provides free entry passes to every area fourth-grade class so students can learn the history of sea exploration and water-based laws of physics such as Archimedes' principle regarding buoyant force and water displacement through on-hands experiments. The learning center and library offers historical and current books and documents on ocean research and deep sea diving.

Museum exhibits and displays include treasures recovered from sunken ships dating back to the 1500s, as well as more recent commercial and naval equipment, vehicles and habitats. Climb through a submarine and SEALAB-1, the world's first working undersea habitat, and learn the critical role this vessel has played in both ocean and space exploration.

"The St. Joe Community Foundation is pleased to provide this grant to the Man in the Sea Museum to help support its educational programming for area students and visitors," says Janet Greeno, Executive Director for The St Joe Community Foundation. "The museum has collected and preserved artifacts and equipment related to sea exploration and underwater activities that visitors, both young and old, will enjoy."

About the St. Joe Community Foundation

Since its inception, the St. Joe Community Foundation (STJCF) has provided more than \$18 million in grants to improve the quality of life in the communities it serves. STJCF provides charitable grants primarily in Bay and Walton Counties that embrace the arts, strengthen education, protect the environment and improve healthcare. These efforts help build healthy, caring, long-lived communities. For more information, visit www.stjcf.com.

About the Man in the Sea Museum

Owned by the Institute of Diving, the Man in the Sea Museum showcases the progress of underwater technology, from the earliest days of diving to the most modern underwater habitats. The Institute of Diving is a non-profit, educational organization formed in 1977. The initial idea for establishing the institute and its museum was conceived in 1976 by a group of divers from the U.S. Navy's SEALAB Program and representatives from commercial, academic, scientific, medical and sport diving fields.