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**Austin Aquarium Gives Back to School Children**

**Austin Aquarium gives away \$23,000 in prizes hosting a school art contest and gives back to the Autism community.**

Here are a few ways Austin Aquarium is contributing to the community:

**Art Contest:** Near the end of the 2014/2015 school year the Austin, San Antonio and Portland Aquariums sponsored an art contest where scholarships and prize money in excess of \$23,000 of were recently given away. For any students who missed it, this will become an annual event.

**Autism Awareness:** A free play date for kids with autism was recently hosted at the Austin Aquarium. With hundreds in attendance, special staff and signs were created to cater to the special needs of the children. Group hosts pointed out the value of a private environment, which enabled the children to enjoy themselves without concern of public distractions.

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***About Austin Aquarium:***

*Austin Aquarium, located at 13530 N. Hwy 183 provides children and families access to the excitement and learning opportunities of the ocean. Exhibits include sea jellies, sea horses, Caiman crocodiles, rare and colorful corals, sharks, stingrays, and thousands of other species. In addition to marine life, guests can interact with tropical birds and friendly reptiles. Popular activities [include Birthday Parties](#), [Sleep with the Sharks](#), [Private Events](#) and [Field Trips](#).*