



## Water is Life Reef Ball Project

### The Original Plan

Reef Innovations, located in Sarasota, Florida, planned to welcome the Water is Life 2020 worldwide conference participants for our ice-breaking activity on June 22, 2020. At that time conference participants would assemble the forms, mix and pour the concrete, and build the Reef Balls that would become an artificial reef off of the coast of Florida. In doing so they would get to meet each other as part of a working team whose product would improve the coastal habitat.

The legacy of this ice-breaking and team-building activity was to be marked by a special Water is Life 2020 brass plaque. More importantly, each school was invited to bring an item to embed in the concrete, making it a permanent part of the artificial reef. By meeting, working together and dedicating their efforts to the construction of 40 reef balls, the Water is Life 2020 conference participants and their schools would leave a lasting and meaningful legacy of habitat restoration.

### The NEW Plan

Reef Innovations is committed to honoring the Water is Life 2020 conference participants, their research and their common goals of leadership and stewardship in the area of water. Reef Balls will still be constructed by local students and will still carry the brass plaque commemorating Water is Life 2020.

**Reef Innovations and Saint Stephen's Episcopal School invite the schools participating in Water is Life 2020 to send a small item that can be embedded in the concrete as part of dedicated Reef Ball. These items must be made of a sustainable materials and cannot have any plastic parts. Items can be made of glass, ceramics, stone, or metal. The item must be the size of the palm of a human hand or smaller. In this way, each Water is Life 2020 participating school will physically become part of a forever reef that will aid in improving the health of the ocean and its inhabitants.**

Items representing each school are requested to be sent by **November 1, 2020**, to the following address:

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