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GIG HARBOR, WA – Harbor WildWatch will be hosting their fourth annual benefit, *Make Waves: Celebrate, Donate, Educate* on Thursday, September 13. The benefit will take place at The Club @ The Boatyard in downtown Gig Harbor from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

This fun-filled event will provide over 100 guests with delicious food, drinks, entertainment, and the opportunity to learn about the unique programs that Harbor WildWatch delivered in the community over the past year.

Guests will enjoy a localvore's delight from Sunshine All Naturals catering, local beer, craft cocktails from Heritage Distilling Company, and music. The evening will conclude with a lively Raise The Paddle, with a goal of raising \$25,000 for the 2019 Harbor WildWatch youth education programs. This year's sponsor for *Make Waves* is the Gig Harbor branch of U.S. Bank, whose employees strive to better their community and have over 100 years of combined experience.

Harbor WildWatch began delivering fun and innovative environmental education programs to children and adults in 2004. They are actively involved in the greater Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula communities, both in and outside of the classroom: from STEM workshops in local classrooms to family-friendly beach walks and touch tanks.

To date, Harbor WildWatch has inspired over 200,000 residents and visitors to become mindful stewards of the Puget Sound and the greater Salish Sea. The enthusiasm of their youth and adult volunteers, as well as the excitement of children attending their programs is testament to the positive impact that hands-on science experiences can provide.

“Our programs get kids of all ages excited about our local marine environment,” says Lindsey Stover, Executive Director. “There is nothing quite like seeing a child hold a moon snail or witness an octopus walk across the beach for the first time. These activities inspire curiosity and stewardship among the next generation of leaders.”

Community support is integral to Harbor WildWatch's ability to deliver free and low-cost programs to local schools and the public. Attending *Make Waves* shows support for community-based environmental education in a big way!

Limited seating is available for this 21+ event. Tickets are \$75 each for Steward Club members and \$100 each for non-members. Tickets can be purchased securely online at [www.harborwildwatch.org](http://www.harborwildwatch.org) or in person at the Harbor WildWatch office in the Skansie Visitor & Interpretive Center. The Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Cash, check, and all major credit cards accepted. All proceeds will directly benefit classroom and outdoor education programs in the greater Gig Harbor community for 2019.

*Harbor WildWatch is a 501(c)(3) non-profit environmental education organization based in Gig Harbor, WA. Their mission is to inspire stewardship for Puget Sound by providing learning opportunities about the environment to the people in the local community. Through more than 600 fun and interactive programs each year, Harbor WildWatch hopes to inform residents and*



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*visitors about local marine life and elicit their involvement in preserving our natural resources.  
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