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Loveland Living Planet Aquarium marks Five Years in Draper

Draper, UT (March 25, 2019) – Loveland Living Planet Aquarium (LLPA) is celebrating five years in Draper on Monday, March 25. The world-class Aquarium is the ninth largest in the nation, at 136,000 square feet. LLPA features animals from the sea, land, and sky, with six unique animal habitats, including a four-story rainforest. The Aquarium is known for its 40-foot underwater shark tunnel, charming Gentoo penguins, playful otters, sleepy sloths, majestic Clouded leopards, and much more.

Here are some stats over the past five years:

- **4.5 million guests** welcomed to LLPA
- The Aquarium provided a total of **257,000 student experiences** on site through field trips. We have field trip programming for Kindergarten through 12th grade.
- The Aquarium's Outreach team provided **nearly 260,000 student experiences** for second, fourth, and sixth grade classrooms all across Utah. Aquarium educators teach students about the rainforest, water cycle, and the world's ecosystems.
- The Aquarium is home to more than 4,000 animals, representing 650 species.

Aquarium Founder and CEO Brent Andersen was recently awarded [CEO of the Year](#) by Utah Business magazine. Andersen founded The Living Planet Inc. in 1999. He began with one Aqua Van, bringing ocean animals into classrooms to teach students about Earth's diverse ecosystems.

In 2004, a preview exhibit of The Living Planet Aquarium opened at the Gateway Mall. Two years later in June 2006, the Aquarium moved into a 43,000 square foot space in Sandy, which is remembered fondly by many Utahns.

On March 25, 2014, Loveland Living Planet Aquarium opened its doors in Draper. This Aquarium was Brent's dream and vision from the beginning. "Loveland" was added to the name of the Aquarium to honor a generous donation from the Loveland Family Foundation of Utah.

The Aquarium is not done growing yet, and is creating **The Living Planet Science Learning Campus**, which will provide immersive educational experiences and a new community gathering space in the nine-acre lot to the south of the Aquarium.

The Campus includes the Science Learning Center, which will help guests understand that the environments we live in are all interconnected as one global ecosystem: ***The Living Planet***. With this



knowledge, we all can become better stewards of our environment. The Campus plaza is scheduled to open later this year, followed by the Science Learning Center in the coming years. To learn more, visit expansion.thelivingplanet.com.

About Loveland Living Planet Aquarium

LLPA is a 501©(3) nonprofit organization that inspires people to Explore, Discover, and Learn about Earth's diverse ecosystems. A world-class facility, LLPA provides learning opportunities at all levels, interests, and ages. Since opening in Draper in March 2014, the Aquarium has welcomed 4.5 million visitors. Additionally, LLPA reaches more than 82,000 Utah students each year through its Outreach Education programs.

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