## 'Save Your Ocean Explorium, Build Your Future' Reaches 85% of Fundraising Goal



OCEAN EXPLORIUM — WE ARE ALMOST THERE!

The Ocean Explorium announces that it has achieved 85% of the 'Save Your Ocean Explorium, Build Your Future' first phase fundraising goal of \$100,000 by July 1. According to executive director Abbey Spargo, "We have four days left to reach \$100,000 and qualify for a \$50,000 matching gift. Contributions can be made in person at the Ocean Explorium this weekend, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., or on our secure website, www.oceanexplorium.org.

Ms. Spargo added "Thanks to an outpouring of support from members, friends and the community, the Ocean Explorium has raised \$85,000 since the challenge match was announced on May 16. Every gift, large and small, helps the Ocean Explorium continue to provide education for all, prepare the teachers of the future, offer world-class experiences in our own backyard, spark interest and develop the workforce of the future, and connect to the SouthCoast's most important asset — the Ocean."

"We are so close to succeeding in this first phase of our campaign", Ms. Spargo stated. "We can't wait to share the great news that we reached this fundraising goal, but we still need your help to make that happen. Call our office, stop by over the weekend, or go to our website and contribute what you can."

"Our next announcement will be that we have successfully met the challenge match, with your help, hopefully even that we have exceeded our initial goals! Soon after, we will share our vision for the Ocean Explorium's future. We are developing a plan for sustainable, service-based opportunities, leveraging our success in education for all ages, career training, STEM and big data. Stay tuned!"