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***Texas Monthly* Gulf Coast Show Home at Cinnamon Shore To Benefit the ‘ARK’ in Port Aransas**

Port Aransas, Texas—When the *Texas Monthly* Gulf Coast Home at Cinnamon Shore Beach Resort in Port Aransas, Texas, opens for public tours this spring, a portion of ticket sales will help fund a local non-profit group that helps injured marine animals recover. The Austin-based magazine and Cinnamon Shore have announced that the Animal Rehabilitation Keep, known as the ARK, at the University of Texas at Austin Marine Science Institute (UTMSI) will be the home’s charity beneficiary.

Located at UTMSI in Port Aransas, the ARK is the vision of long-time oceanographer and UTMSI research associate Anthony “Tony” Amos, and an endowment in his name will receive Show Home tour proceeds. “The Anthony Amos Endowment for the ARK provides permanent funding for the rehabilitation of injured marine life,” says UTMSI Director of External Affairs Georgia Neblett. “We are just thrilled to have this as a source of funding, which will further the work of Tony Amos and his crews.”

Under Amos’s leadership and with volunteer support, the ARK rescues, rehabilitates and releases sea turtles, aquatic birds, and other creatures that live in and around Mustang Island-area waters -- rescuing 245 sea turtles in 2016 alone and tens of thousands of birds since the ARK’s inception in the early 1980s. The rehab facility receives partial funding from the National Estuarine Research Reserve but relies heavily on donations.

The selection of this marine life-related charity makes a great fit for *Texas Monthly* and Cinnamon Shore as they partner to present a state-of-the-art show home to the magazine’s readers and to visitors who come to the upscale, Gulf-front development. The house will be featured in the magazine’s June issue, and locals and tourists can walk through it room by room starting Memorial Day weekend and throughout the summer. Volunteers from UTMSI and ARK, along with staff from Cinnamon Shore, will host the tours and sell \$10 tickets at the door.

Texas Monthly Publisher David B. Dunham says that because the magazine serves as the print and digital journal of record for the state of Texas, supporting groups such as the ARK contributes to the magazine’s overall mission of presenting its readers with impactful, inspiring stories. “We think that Texans like us, who care about the beautiful and fragile natural resources of our beautiful state, will benefit from hearing them,” Dunham says. “As a long-time UTMSI advisory council member, I know firsthand the importance of Tony Amos’s great work with coastal wildlife resource.”

As Cinnamon Shore has grown over the past decade on the outskirts of Port Aransas, developer Jeff Lamkin, CEO of Sea Oats Groups, LLC, has come to appreciate the dedication and effort of Amos and those who support his tireless efforts. “When we were looking for an area non-profit that could benefit from the influx of visitors who will be drawn to this area to see the *Texas Monthly* Gulf Coast Show Home at Cinnamon Shore, it just made sense to choose the ARK,” Lamkin says.

A portion of Show Home ticket sales also will benefit the Cinnamon Shore Giving Fund, which supports a variety of other Port Aransas non-profit groups.

The *Texas Monthly* Gulf Coast Show Home is designed by Austin-based architecture firm Davies Collaborative. Currently under construction, it’s being custom-built by Legacy DCS. Brewer Design Solutions is creating the home’s comfortable, stylish interiors. More than a dozen product sponsors have signed on to contribute to the home, showcasing the best ideas for sturdy construction and stylish living at the coast.

Cinnamon Shore is a pedestrian-friendly, master-planned community nestled behind 300 feet of protective dunes and offering first-class amenities that include a beautiful beach, pools, parks, stocked lakes, restaurants, and more.

Texas Monthly has been the state’s most widely read and respected publication, recognized throughout the country for its journalistic excellence. The publication reaches 2.7 million readers monthly.

Learn more about the *Texas Monthly* Gulf Coast Show Home at texasmonthlyshowhome.com. For more about the ARK, visit the UTMSI landing page utmsi.utexas.edu/about/facilities/ark or the Friends of the ARK site friendsoftheark.org/friends-of-the-ark.html.

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Texas Monthly is an award-winning general-interest magazine best-known for its longform journalism, political reporting, reader service, design, and photography. It has a circulation of 300,000 and is read by more than 2.7 million people each month—one out of every eight Texas adults. *Texas Monthly* is published by Emmis Publishing, L.P. Emmis owns and operates radio stations and other magazines.

Cinnamon Shore is a 300-home, beachfront community located on Mustang Island just off the coast of Corpus Christi. Nestled behind 300 feet of protective dunes, this pedestrian-friendly, master-planned community was designed in the classic tradition with the finest amenities.

The Animal Rehabilitation Keep, or ARK, rehabilitates marine turtles and marine birds from the coastal zone of Mustang Island and St. Joseph Island.

Davies Collaborative is known for creating distinctive, sustainable architecture that fosters community and maximizes energy efficiency.

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