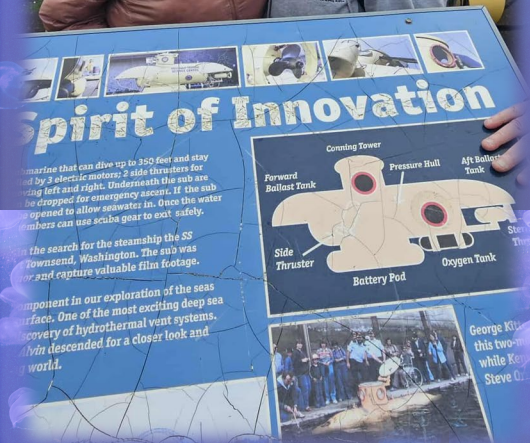


A DAY OF COASTAL DISCOVERY: MITCHELL PLACE VISITS THE HATFIELD MARINE SCIENCE CENTER

Our residents at Mitchell Place recently traded their usual routines for an afternoon of discovery at the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport. It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to get out and see what happens behind the scenes at Oregon State University's coastal research campus. While the facility is home to some pretty advanced research, the Visitor Center does an incredible job of presenting their scientific discoveries in a way that feels both accessible and engaging for everyone.



Rather than just looking through the glass, our clients were encouraged to engage their senses and interact directly with the marine environment. The Tidepool Touch Tanks were a clear favorite for many. Guided by knowledgeable volunteers, our group was able to reach into the water and touch sea stars, anemones, and sea urchins with their own hands. It provided a rare opportunity to connect with some of the fascinating creatures that inhabit our local shoreline. Our group also spent quite

a bit of time at the interactive wave and erosion tanks, visualizing the natural forces that shape our Oregon coast. These displays weren't just educational - they offered a unique sensory experience that sparked much curiosity and conversation from the group.





Trips like these are more than just a day away; they are important opportunities for our residents to step outside their comfort zones, try new things, and engage with the world in meaningful ways. Beyond the science, the day was really about connection. Spending the day away from

our usual environment allowed folks to connect, share experiences, and create new memories as a community.

