

Jan. 16 Place of Hope clay shoot supports Florida's foster children

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PALM CITY — Place of Hope is forming teams for its third annual Sporting Clays Invitational Fun Shoot, a recreational fundraiser that combines clay shooting competition with supporting foster children throughout the region.

The Fun Shoot will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. Jan. 16 at the South Florida Shooting Club, 500 SW Long Drive, Palm City. The welcome is at 8 a.m. and the Shoot begins at 8:30 a.m.

“We are excited to be hosting the Place of Hope Fun Shoot for the third year,” said Doug Vine, general manager of the South Florida Shooting Club. “It’s a growing event and a great opportunity for all of us to have some fun and be a part of raising money for such a worthy cause in our community. We encourage everyone to come out and join us, while getting a taste of sporting clays and benefiting the Place of Hope.”

The event is presented by BMO Private Bank and sponsored by Cheney Brothers, Palmdale Oil Company, Palm Beach Kennel Club Entertainment Complex, Palm Beach Motor Cars, Akerman, Integrated Data Technologies, Inc., Blue Buffalo, HMY Yachts, The Kitchen Strand, Gunster Law Offices, Chik-Fil-A, Rybovich, McCraney Property Company, and DG3 (Divested Global Graphics Group). Co-chairs are Michael Dyer and Richard Newkirk.

Tickets are \$1,000 for an individual team of four and \$2,000 for a corporate team of four.

Clay shooting is the art of shooting at special flying targets, known as clay pigeons or clay targets, with a shotgun. The activity, which requires patience, timing and coordination, is growing in popularity as a fundraising event among outdoor enthusiasts.

Based in Palm Beach Gardens, Place of Hope is a faith-based, state-licensed child welfare organization that provides family-style foster care (emergency and long-term); family outreach and intervention; maternity care; safety for domestic minor sexually trafficked victims; transitional housing and support services; adoption and foster care recruitment and support; and hope and healing opportunities for children and families who have been traumatized by abuse and neglect.

“The proceeds of this event will directly support the many programs of Place of Hope,” said Executive Director Charles Bender. “In the last decade, Place of Hope has grown from one family cottage to six cottages, the Seven Stars Emergency Shelter for boys, Joann’s Cottage for pregnant teens and young mothers, Villages of Hope for emancipated foster youth and our extended foster care program, Hope House for victims of domestic minor sex trafficking and Homes of Hope for foster care, adoption placement and support.”

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