

ON THE WATER

Shell anglers fish for diabetes research

Commemorating a platinum anniversary, nearly 150 Shell executives, employees, jobbers and corporate sponsors convened in Key West June 12-15 for a friendly competition among anglers, benefiting the Diabetes Research Institute for the second time.

The 20th Shell Key West Challenge was a labor of love for Hayden Blaylock, founder and CEO of Blaylock Oil Co., along with his daughter and son-in-law, Crystal Blaylock and John Sanchez. Their 8-year-old son, Matthew, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in 2005 and since then the family has been dedicated to supporting the DRI. Raising more than \$110,000 this year, the event's cumulative proceeds are expected to surpass \$2 million with the next Shell Key West Challenge.

"This weekend I have witnessed firsthand this family's true commitment to the cause," DRI Foundation President and CEO Robert A. Pearlman commented. "They are truly doing everything they can to help speed the DRI along its pathway to the cure."

Racking up points by catching any of 15 species of fish, many of which were released

after the weights were estimated, the 33 teams enjoyed two full days of fishing.

Sponsored by Motiva Enterprises LLC and Adorno & Yoss PA, the cocktail party and awards banquet was host to an unexpected thrill when Shell Oil Products US presented the Blaylock family and the DRI with a check for \$25,000 as a commitment to sponsoring the event again next year.

For more information about the DRI, visit www.diabetesresearch.org or call 800-210-6133. For more information about the Shell Key West Challenge, visit www.shellkeywestchallenge.com.

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