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Shooting competition in Palm City to benefit Place of Hope

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

Co-chaired by Mike Dyer and Mike Burke, the Fun Shoot will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. Jan. 20 at the South Florida Shooting Club, 500 S.W. Long Drive, Palm City.

"We are excited to be co-chairing the Place of Hope Fun Shoot for the fifth year," Dyer said. "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."

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.

Sponsors to date are BMO Private Bank, Place of Hope Michigan Giving Club, Be A Man Buy Land, J.W. Fire & Security, Mike Burke/Westport Yachts, Thomas A. Buhr, Cummings & Lockwood, Dunkin Donuts, Gardens Dental, Integrated Data Technologies, Michele Koscielniak CPA, Simmons & White, The Kitchen Strand, United Nursing Services, Celedinas Insurance Group, John J. Boswell-Independent Stave Company, Shoot Straight, and Gunster.

Corporate teams to date include Bruce Armstrong, Cathleen McFarlane Foundation; Chuck Hanlon; HBKS Wealth Advisors/HBK CPAs & Consultants; Heart of America Group; Lytal, Reiter, Smith, Ivey & Fronrath LLP; Neil Saffer; Palm Beach Kennel Club; Palm Beach Marriott Singer Island; PGA National Resort & Spa and Wells Fargo Private Bank.

Tickets are \$1,250 for an individual team of four and \$2,000 for a corporate team of four. The following sponsorship opportunities are still available:

Ammunition Sponsor (\$7,500) Clays Sponsor (\$7,500) Lunch Sponsor (IN-KIND or \$6,000)

About Place of Hope

Impacting lives in Palm Beach, Broward, Martin, St. Lucie, Okeechobee and Indian River counties, Place of Hope is a faith-based, state-licensed children's organization. It 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; foster care recruitment and support; hope and healing opportunities for children and families who have been traumatized by abuse and neglect.

For more information, contact Amyleigh Atwater at Place of Hope, 561-775-7195. Place of Hope is located at 9078 Isaiah Lane in Palm Beach Gardens; www.placeofhope.com.

Photo captions:

0299 - Michele Koscielniak, CPA team (Asif Sheerahamed, Wes Paradise, Steve Quint, Mike Burke), Flight A 1st Place team from the 2016 Clay Shoot

0171 - Wells Fargo Private Bank team (Jim Bronstien, Bill Paty, Tim Givens, Henry Cromwell) Flight B 1st Place team from the 2016 Clay Shoot