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Open seas, smiling faces and the chance to haul in the 'big catch' greeted the fishermen of Place of Hope's first Fish for Hope KDW (Kingfish, Dolphin Wahoo) Tournament on June 25. The new fundraising event welcomed 41 boats to Sailfish Marina, as competitors fished not only to win fantastic prizes, but also to support individual children in Place of Hope's care. The winners of the Fish for a Child fundraising competition were First Place Winner Jason Doyle for Team Mikayla, Second Place Winner Chris Downey for Team Ruby and Third Place Winner Eric Paul-Hus for Team Kim. Pictured are a few of the many participants – Charles Bender, John Workman, Rick Covell and Stephen Heiman. Winners in the other categories included:

- Heaviest Overall Fish
Team Jane, Mike McCormack, 33 lbs. Kingfish
- First Place:
 - Team Jane, Mike McCormack, 33 lbs. Kingfish
 - Team Mikayla, Jason Doyle, 9 lbs. Dolphin
 - Team Brian, Max Lichtig, 19.8 lbs. Wahoo
- Second Place:
 - Team David, Danny Carroll, 31 lbs. Kingfish
 - Team Grayson, Rob McCoy, 6.4 lbs. Dolphin
 - Team Kim, Emma Paul-Hus, 18.6 lbs. Wahoo
- Third Place:
 - Team Kim, Emma Paul-Hus, 9.2 lbs. Kingfish

- Team Christina, Chase & Pierce Collum, 6 lbs. Dolphin
- Team Ruby, Mike Simms, 16.9 lbs. Wahoo

"It was a true team effort making our Fish for Hope tournament a success," said Founding Executive Director Charles Bender. "While everyone did an amazing job, we'd especially like to recognize the support of our Event Chairman Jason Doyle, our Presenting Sponsor Kolter Homes and our event host Sailfish Marina. Lott Bros. hosted a special Shop for a Purpose on June 24 that allowed our participants to load up on tackle and gear, and donated 10 percent of its sales to Place of Hope. Palm Beach Marine Fuel offered an incredible \$.12 per gallon for boat fuel for fishermen who mentioned Place of Hope. All of it means the world to our kids." Place of Hope was ranked the No. 1 Nonprofit for Youth Development, Shelter, and Crisis Services in the Nation by Charity Navigator and one of the "11 Top-Rated Charities That Changed The World In 2014" by The Huffington Post.

It is a faith-based, state-licensed children's 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; foster care recruitment and support; hope and healing opportunities for children and families who have been traumatized by abuse and neglect. For more information, visit www.placeof-hope.com.