

Highlights from 2007

Third Annual Fishing for Kids reels in success

The third annual Fishing for Kids Saltwater Trout Tournament, presented by Shands Engineering, was held Saturday, April 28 in Steinhatchee at the Gulfstream Motel & Marina. More than 80 anglers joined Children's Miracle Network to make miracles happen for patients treated at Shands Children's Hospitals. A BIG thank you to everyone that participated in this year's Fishing for Kids tournament! The 2007 event raised more than \$5,000 for Shands Kids. Children's Miracle Network would like to thank our generous sponsors Davis Rembert & Family, Gaylord's Insulation, Inc., Bass Assassin, Mercury Medical, WW Gay Mechanical, Millers Boating Center, Santa Fe Ford and Northstar Plumbing & Piping, Inc. for their support of the tournament.



Shands Engineering representatives that helped the tournament raise \$5,176.

South Florida sponsors recognized for raising \$611,125

Liz Quirantes from WPEC-12News and the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott hosted the 15th annual South Florida Corporate Sponsor Recognition Luncheon on May 31. More than 100 participants gathered to recognize and celebrate \$611,125 raised during 2006. Three local families told their story to the attendees, stories that echoed a theme of hope given to them by Shands Children's Hospitals. Publix Super Markets was recognized as the top sponsor for raising \$257,578 during their June 2006 campaign. Wal-Mart and Sam's CLUB raised \$131,433 and local RE/MAX offices contributed \$26,604. Other sponsors recognized at the event were: Sunoco, Money Mailer, Auntie Anne's, Florida Atlantic University's Dance Marathon, Golden Corral and Marriott.



Publix managers accept the award for raising more than \$250,000 in 2006.



Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Ft. Pierce receives its award.

Wal-Mart Day

In 2006, Wal-Mart and Sam's Clubs raised more than \$298,000 for Shands Children's Hospitals. This brings their 20-year total to more than \$6 million. On March 15, more than 140 Wal-Mart and Sam's Club Associates gathered at Shands Children's Hospitals to celebrate their fundraising efforts for the previous year, tour the facility and hear stories of families that seek treatment at Shands. Associates traveled from Boca Raton, Thomasville, Ga., and Tallahassee.



Wal-Mart and Sam's Club Associates are recognized for their efforts.

There are 52 Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores that fundraise for Shands. Of these stores, there were 38 represented at the 2007 Wal-Mart Day Celebration. Most stores brought a wagon and competed in a wagon-decorating contest during the daylong session. These wagons are filled with items needed by the hospital for pediatric patients and their families, then once empty used to transport pediatric patients around the floors. Many attendees said that this event is essential to their ongoing fundraising efforts. "It helps to see where the money goes and whom it helps. I hope to come back again next year." The 2008 Wal-Mart Day will be celebrated on March 11 — Associates, mark your calendars!



Many wagons are donated each year from Wal-Mart Day.