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Press Release

St. Patty's Day Small Boat Charity Fishing Tournament now in 20th year set for Saturday, March 13th, 2010

Harbour Towne's Annual Tournament will benefit local south Florida boy, Dylan Tyler Jeskey

Dania Beach, Florida: Now in it's 20th year, what has become the largest small boat fishing tournament in south Florida is set to "Reel them in for Dylan" to benefit a local boy with an inoperable brain tumor.

Open only to those vessels 37' and under, *The St. Patty's Day Small Boat Charity Fishing Tournament* is a two-day event that begins with the Captain's Party that includes a raffle and silent auction at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, March 10th, 2010 at Harbour Towne Marina in Dania Beach. The one day fishing tournament begins at 8:00 am on Saturday the 13th and ends at 3:00 pm on the docks of the Marina with the weigh in and presentation of the top place trophies and cash awards. Harbour Towne Marina, owned by California based Westrec Marinas, has been hosting the tournament since 1991. The event is administered through their nonprofit 501 (c) (3) exempt organization, *Helping Hands of Harbour Towne, Inc.*, which provides assistance to children with chronic life-threatening medical conditions and their families who live in south Florida.

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Angler participation varies due to the weather and seas. As a tournament limited to only those vessels 37' and under, the average boat participating is 26'. Last year 160 anglers fished on 60 boats. Each year between 160 and 238 anglers sign on to fish in this charity tournament which benefits a local south Florida child chosen by the Tournament Committee.

Last year, *Helping Hands of Harbour Towne* presented Coconut Creek resident, 11 year old Tracey-Ann Robinson with a check for \$29,601.68 for her medical trust, the proceeds from the 2009 tournament. Tracey-Ann was diagnosed with sickle cell anemia at birth, and has endured numerous surgeries including the removal of her spleen, gall bladder, and a cardio catheterization. She is on oxygen with Pulmonary Artery Hypertension, and takes 15 different medications daily. Her physician recommends that she receive a triple organ replacement (heart, lung, and kidney) in addition to a bone marrow transplant. Tracey-Ann continues to receive ongoing medical care locally at Broward Health's Chris Everett Children's Hospital at Broward General.

For 2010, the Tournament Committee has picked 4 ½ -year old Dylan Tyler Jeskey, who they had previously benefitted in 2008. Dylan was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor at nine months of age. Described as an Optic Glioma because of its location, it affects his Pituitary Gland causing Hydrocephalus and other physical issues. Since his diagnosis, Dylan endured a series of chemotherapy treatments and continues to have daily seizures which can last more than 10 minutes each. This brain tumor has caused him numerous developmental delays as well as other complications. Dylan's receives intensive physical therapy on a daily basis, and continues to receive on-going treatment at Chris Evert Children's Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, in addition to traveling to Shands in Gainesville for periodic tests. The out of pocket costs for his family are phenomenal.

"The proceeds from our event make a huge difference for the families we have helped over the years. Our monies not only help ease the financial burden of enormous medical expenses, co-pays, and related care not covered by insurance for the child's family, but in some instances it has helped the child get specialized treatments or care their family might not be able to provide for them due to financial obstacles," disclosed Michelle Van Lenten, Vice President of Helping Hands of Harbour Towne and coordinator of the event. "The continued support from

local south Florida businesses and many concerned individuals, has been key in the success of our tournament, as well as the commitment from the staff of Harbour Towne Marina and a number of volunteers who come out year after year! Participants come from all over the tri-county area and beyond. We have sponsors, anglers and event staff members who have participated every year since 1991!”

A Pre-Tournament Captain’s Party and buffet will be held Wednesday, March 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Harbour Towne. A silent auction and raffle that evening will give away over 100 prizes donated by local businesses. All raffle ticket and auction proceeds go directly to Dylan’s Medical Trust fund. This one-day tournament will begin at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, March 13th and ends with a 3:00 pm weigh-in at the Harbour Towne docks. The grand prize of \$3,000.00 will go to the angler with the heaviest fish in any eligible category along with cash prizes for the 2nd and 3rd place fish as well. In addition, there will be prizes for top lady angler, and a junior division for those anglers 12 and under. Additional prizes will be given out the day of the tournament for those with the correct answers to marine trivia questions. Qualifying fish for the tournament are: Dolphin, Kingfish, Cobia, and Wahoo. Each angler is permitted to weigh in a maximum of five qualifying fish, with a minimum weight of five pounds each.

For the second year in a row, Al DeSimone’s *Charity for Champions* has signed on as the Title sponsor. Other major sponsors include Publix Super Markets Charities, Seafarer Marine, A-Network, Sharp Business Systems, Sam’s Lawn Maintenance, Contour Marine, FDC Vitamins, Griffin Printing, and the City of Dania Beach. Presently, the Tournament Committee of Helping Hands of Harbour Towne, Inc. is continuing to seek donations for all levels of sponsorship as well as prizes for the silent auction and raffle.

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*Reel them in for Dylan
...and have a great time!*
