

Fishing for a Cause Raises Close to \$200,000 for The Schwartz Center

Brian Combra Award: Brian Combra, of Newport, RI, took home the trophy for 1st place in the striped bass division in the 6th annual Fishing for a Cause event to benefit The Schwartz Center and Meeting Street. Combra donated his \$2,500 winning check to Schwartz Center.

The 6th annual Fishing for A Cause tournament, fundraiser and dinner raised nearly \$200,000 to benefit children and families of The Schwartz Center. The sold-out annual event featured more than 100 anglers and over 350 guests at the seaside dinner, making it once again the largest annual fundraiser for The Schwartz Center. Fishing for a Cause has raised more than \$800,000 in its history.

Fishermen and women hit the waters of Buzzards Bay on June 25th and 26th for a two-day catch and release tournament. Upon the culmination of the tournament participants enjoyed a seaside dinner emceed by comedian Lenny Clarke. The dinner celebrated tournament participants, dedicated supporters and the children and families that will benefit from the proceeds.

This year's winning anglers were:

STRIPED BASS

- 1st** – Brian Combra: 49.00" – Newport, RI
- 2nd** – Jay Stobel: 40.125" – Derry, NH
- 3rd** – Eugene Connors 40.00" – New Bedford, MA

BLUEFISH

- 1st** – Rob Taylor: 32.00" – Newport, RI
- 2nd** – Robert Wood: 31.00" – Tiverton, RI
- 3rd** – James Mandly: 29.50" – Providence, RI

FLUKE

1st – Jack Sprengel: 25.25 " – Warwick, RI

2nd – Maria Tulloch: 24.00" – New Bedford, MA

3rd – Pierre Messier: 20.00" – Fall River, MA

For more information about this year's event please visit www.meetingstreet.org/FFAC or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FishingForACause

About Meeting Street / The Schwartz Center

Founded in 1946, Meeting Street compassionately and innovatively empowers children and their families to thrive by fostering the development of the whole child. Meeting Street's vision is to be a national leader in child development, education, research and training. Today, Meeting Street works with more than 4,000 children and families annually through its core Early Childhood and School-Age programs. The Schwartz Center in Dartmouth, Massachusetts serves more than 1,000 children, young adults and their families in our community providing high quality educational, developmental, and therapeutic programs for children from birth through age 22. For more information, visit www.MeetingStreet.org.