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South Florida tournament raises \$106,000 for diabetes research

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At the May 11 Don Strock Diabetes Golf Classic, tournament chair Bruce Fishbein, a partner with The Produce Connection Inc., poses with event sponsor Arthur Hertz and tournament host Don Strock. The event in Miami raised \$106,000 for diabetes research.

Photo by The Produce Connection

according to a news release.

During the competition at the Miccosukee Golf & Country Club, foursomes played an 18-hole tournament over three courses and included a reception and awards dinner where guests also bid on autographed sports memorabilia.

Thanks to support from the produce industry, the May 11 Don Strock Diabetes Golf Classic helped generate more than \$106,000 for the Diabetes Research Institute.

In its 33rd year, the event included celebrity and amateur golfers and was sponsored by Global Perishable Services LLP, King Ocean Services, M & R Produce Distributors, Mr. Greens Produce, Next-Port Inc., The Produce Connection Inc., Quality First Produce, Sierra Produce, Sotolongo Farms, Southern Corporate Packers and Tropical Shipping.

Other sponsors included the Miami Dolphins and the Miami HEAT professional sports teams.

Bruce Fishbein, a partner with the Miami-based The Produce Connection, started the event with former Miami Dolphins quarterback Don Strock, to raise money for diabetes research.

At the event, Fishbein took the stage and noted how once again the produce industry united to support such a worthy cause,

During the dinner, attendees heard from DRI Foundation's Jill Shapiro Miller who thanked Strock and Fishbein for their commitment to the cause and a video was shown featuring recent DRI BioHub pilot trial candidate Wendy Peacock.

Peacock has been living insulin-free since receiving an islet cell transplant at the DRI in August and it's possible after such tournaments helped raise critical funds needed to advance research, according to the release.



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