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Racing Legend Donnie Allison & Driver Scott Wimmer big Winners at Darrell Gwynn Foundation's Spectracide Hot Rods & Reels™ Charity Fishing Tournament at the Daytona International Speedway, February 18

Darrell Gwynn Foundation Donates Orlando Magic Themed Wheelchair to 11 year-ancient Kyle Darroch of Longwood, Fla.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – Racing Legend **Donnie Allison** and NASCAR Driver **Scott Wimmer** were the big winners at the **Darrell Gwynn Foundation's Spectracide Hot Rods & Reels™ Charity Fishing Tournament** on Lake Lloyd at the **Daytona International Speedway** on February 18. But the real winner of the event was **Kyle Darroch** who received a brand new custom motorized wheelchair donated by the Darrell Gwynn Foundation at the tournament. The tournament benefited the Darrell Gwynn Foundation whose mission is to provide **AWARENESS, PREVENTION, SUPPORT** and ultimately a **CURE** for Paralysis.

Donnie Allison's team caught a cumulative total of large-mouth bass that weighed in at 18.15lbs. to take the tournament championship. NASCAR Driver Scott Wimmer, who will compete in the Daytona 500 on Sunday, caught the largest fish of the tournament hooking a mammoth 6.39lbs. large-mouth bass. The tournament consisted of 20 fishing boats pairing foundation supporters and sponsors with the likes of NASCAR Drivers Greg Biffle, Jamie McMurray, Ryan Newman, Martin Truex, Max Papis, Scott Wimmer, Donnie Allison, Regan Smith, Bobby Labonte, Trevor Bayne and many more that participated in the tournament which benefited the Darrell Gwynn Foundation and **Speediatrics**™ unit at the **Betty Jane France Pediatric Center at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach, Fla.**

At the fishing tournament the **Darrell Gwynn Foundation** donated a customized \$16,000 power motorized wheelchair to **Kyle Darroch**, an 11 year-ancient from Longwood, Fla. who is diagnosed with cerebral palsy. The new wheelchair will give Kyle the gift of mobility and allow him to keep up with his classmates at school and travel more. Kyle, a huge Orlando Magic fan, was given a chair donned in Orlando Magic logos and colors. The donation was made through the Darrell Gwynn Foundation's **Wheelchair Donation Program**. in addition, the **Darrell Gwynn Foundation** and the **Orlando Magic** donated four tickets to Kyle and his family to attend the Orlando Magic vs. Chicago Bulls game on April 10 at the Amway Center in Orlando.

For more information on the Darrell Gwynn Foundation's **Wheelchair Donation Program**, please visit darrellgwynnfoundation.org. For information on participating or sponsoring the Darrell Gwynn Foundation's **Hot Rods & Reels Charity Fishing Tournaments** (Daytona, Fla. & Homestead, Fla.) please visit hotrodsandreels.com.

About the Darrell Gwynn Foundation

Founded in 2002 by Champion Drag Racer **Darrell Gwynn** and his wife Lisa, the **Darrell Gwynn Foundation** is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to provide **AWARENESS, PREVENTION, SUPPORT** and ultimately a **CURE** for paralysis. in an effort to make more awareness about spinal cord injuries, the Darrell Gwynn Foundation successfully lobbied for an established **Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Week** with a resolution passed by the Florida Legislature in 2006. The foundation operates an **Education & Prevention Program** directed to high school students to educate them on the dangers of risky behavior that can lead to spinal cord injuries. This rapidly growing program reaches over 10,000 students annually at over 50 high schools. The foundation's primary support program is its national **Wheelchair Donation Program**. With this program the Darrell Gwynn Foundation has donated custom built wheelchairs to hundreds of individuals in need. The foundation also maintains a model **Paralyzed Help Fund** offering support services and tools at Craig Hospital in Englewood, Colorado with aspirations to expand this model to several hospitals nationwide. Additionally the foundation provides financial support through its **Quick Track Laboratory** with the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis aimed at finding a cure for paralysis. with tremendous fundraising partners such as Barrett-Jackson, the NHRA, NASCAR and many more generous sponsors, individual supporters and donors, the Darrell Gwynn Foundation continues to evolve as a leading foundation

for those with spinal cord injuries. For more information please visit darrellgwynnfoundation.org or facebook.com/darrellgwynnfoundation.

Hot Rods & Reels™ sponsors include: Spectracide, United Industries, Bass Pro Shops-Outdoor World, Sprint, Hook & Tackle, FethaStyx, Outdoor Channel and Bass Online.

PHOTOS:

1. Tournament Winner Donnie Allison Poses with his teammates. (Back L-R) Ken Carroll, Bobby Greene, Donnie Allison and James Hawkins. (Front L-R) Max Papis, Marco Papis, Kyle Darroch and Darrell Gwynn. (Photo Credit: Ralph Notaro/Darrell Gwynn Foundation)
2. Wheelchair Recipient Kyle Darroch & Darrell Gwynn (President of the Darrell Gwynn Foundation). (Photo Credit: Ralph Notaro/Darrell Gwynn Foundation)
3. NASCAR Driver Ryan Newman fishes in the Hot Rods & Reels Charity Fishing Tournament (Photo Credit: Ralph Notaro/Darrell Gwynn Foundation)

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Dead of night fishing can be constructive and fun if done accurately. you must know when to go, the right spots to fish, and most importantly – the type of bait and tackle the fish will hit. The best time to go to evening

fishing is during the summer when the shallow waters are annoyingly hot for the bass. a decent measurement is about 60 degrees and up.