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Louisiana Hospitality Foundation Raises Over \$40,000 for Local Shrimper's Cancer Battle

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NEW ORLEANS– The Louisiana Hospitality Foundation raised \$43,000 through a fundraiser to assist seventh-generation Louisiana shrimper Ray Brandhurst in his fight against lung cancer.

As a founder of The White Boot Brigade, Brandhurst became the face of the local seafood industry after Hurricane Katrina by promoting the importance of buying wild-caught Louisiana seafood instead of imports. He developed stage-three lung cancer and is undergoing a series of costly medical treatments expected to exceed \$100,000 and not covered by insurance.

“We are so pleased by the outpouring of local support for Ray we witnessed,” said Melvin Rodrigue, member of LHF’s board of directors and chief operating officer of Galatoire’s Restaurant. “The money we helped raise will go a long way in helping Ray beat his battle with cancer.”

The Louisiana Hospitality Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to offer greater access to culinary education and arts, while providing support for the health and social welfare of children across the state. The LHF executes this through community outreach, children’s education, hospitality industry financial assistance and benevolence. For more information, visit www.louisianahospitalityfoundation.org.

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