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Caliendo recognized for contributions to Cystic Fibrosis



Sam Caliendo, left, and Libby and Sam Pelican

Sam S. Caliendo, president of the Boca Raton-based Bentley Realty Group, was honored with the 2005 "Gift of Life" award for efforts in support of "Shine on Miami," a weekend of activities that recently raised nearly \$2 million for local charities.

Caliendo was a member of the event's executive committee and was active in planning, operating and recruiting sponsors for the fundraiser, which benefited the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Foundation and United Way.

He received the award from Sam and Libby Pelican, two sisters living with Cystic Fibrosis.

"Sam added a huge dose of enthusiasm and worked

his tail off to make our event a success," said co-chair Jack Williams, president of Celebrity Cruises and Royal Caribbean International.

"His commitment to making a difference for CF makes him a deserving recipient of this very prestigious award."

Caliendo, of Boca Raton, is a longtime supporter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising dollars to assure the development of a cure for the genetic disorder and improving the lives of those suffering with the disease.

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