

All Charities Celebrates Tradition



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In its upending of daily life, Covid has inspired creativity, prompted introspection, and sharpened everyone's focus on those traditions we hold most dear. Locally, that means that as plans come together for All Charities Weekend (ACW) **February 11 – 13, 2022**, pandemic realities have heightened appreciation for the generosity of Ocean Reef and greatly simplified the selection of this season's All Charities theme: The Tradition of Giving.

ACW co-chairs **Adele Acheson** and **Diane Hill** point out, "This community has a tradition of making miracles happen." They marvel at the breadth and depth of the support that strengthens multiple entities vital to our "unique way of life" while also

having enabled the Ocean Reef Community Foundation through the years to provide tens of millions of dollars in the form of financial grants to assist thousands of our neighbors in Key Largo, Homestead and Florida City.

They are already hard at work together with the co-chairs of ACW's silent auction, **Anne Marie Peretz**, **Barbara Olcott** and **Kelly Hertzman**, ensuring this February's schedule will once again celebrate the traditions that have come to define the All Charities experience, beginning with Friday night's wine tasting and silent auction gathering right on through the Saturday night Gala and live auction. As is traditional, there will be headline-worthy surprises. And Richard Weinstein, president and COO of the Foundation, points out that while traditions are usually well established, each ACW often features a finely tuned addition or two that progresses into the annual line-up and becomes a beloved tradition in its own right.

As **Michael Berman**, vice chairman of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, noted last season, "Over the course of 21 years, the auction has evolved into a weekend

celebration that culminates with the Gala where participants enjoy great food, lots of wine, entertainment, and insight into what All Charities' supporters, 'The Heart of Ocean Reef,' have accomplished while at the same time celebrating and supporting all the wonderful institutions that make this place so special and creating miracles for our neighbors in surrounding communities." All Charities provides, he continued, an enjoyable community-unifying "opportunity to support and sustain our Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT and Conservation Association as well as address millions of dollars in grant requests to the Foundation from our neighbors. It is a unique tapestry held together by the amazing generosity of our Members."

As you will read and hear over the course of the next 10 weeks, a huge tradition responsible for making many of the auction items special is that they reflect

the personal touch of many generous Ocean Reef Members. If you have something you would like to offer, reach out to one of the chairs or to the All Charities office.

The monies raised by All Charities help ensure the viability of the above-mentioned not-for-profit institutions important to Ocean Reef and, through grants from the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, provide much-needed funds to over 50 worthy charities focused on youth, education, community, and health and family services across south Florida.

Questions? Contact All Charities at 305-367-5996 or AllCharities@OceanReef.com. To learn more, visit oceanreefcommunityfoundation.org and plan to honor tradition throughout All Charities weekend this February!

TRI-DELTA GATHERING

Ocean Reef Tri-Delts it's time to reconnect at the new Reef Lounge on **Tuesday, December 7** at 5:30pm. If you want to be added to the email list for future gatherings, or let us know you will attend, email **Jane Battles**, janebattles@yahoo.com.

Vintage Weekend Channel Closures

In order to comply with FAA regulations for the Vintage Weekend air show, the Main Channel and the North Homeowners Channel will be CLOSED to ALL boat traffic on:

1. **Friday, December 3** from 4 to 6 p.m.
2. **Saturday, December 4** from noon to 2:30 p.m.

In addition, no boats will be allowed in the area extending $\frac{3}{4}$ mile seaward from The Point. This is an FAA regulation.

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