Grateful for the Tradition of All Charities’ Preferred Partners

When it comes to tradition, much of the success of All Charities Weekend through the years has been thanks to the steady and loyal growth and support of its Preferred Partners roster, which this year stands at 16 strong.

Through their cash and auction item donations, the Partners ensure that the monies raised at the Silent and Live Auctions over All Charities Weekend (aka ACW; in 2022, Feb. 11-13) free up the Ocean Reef Community Foundation to give 100 percent of the donations made by Club Members to non-profits. That means the Foundation has been able to distribute over $50 million in financial grants to assist thousands of our neighbors in Key Largo, Homestead and Florida City plus those local entities that are vital to Ocean Reef’s life and culture: the Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT and Conservation Association.

At the start: NetJets has been a steady supporter since All Charities’ 2008 beginnings and two other champions, Northern Trust, and Marsh (now known as Marsh McLennan Agency Private Client Services), joined shortly thereafter. Mary Lee Presents, which has evolved over the years to today’s John and Mary Lee Fine Wine Society, arrived along with the ‘Preferred Partner’ designation in 2012.

In 2014, both Baptist Health South Florida and Ocean Reef Real Estate (now Ocean Reef Club Sotheby’s International Realty) came aboard, followed in 2016 by Wheels Up and Lexus of Kendall/Lexus of West Kendall, which donated the first automobile to be raffled.

Coming from farther afield, in 2017 Healdsburg, California’s Magnolia Blossom Wines joined the ranks providing wine for the Gala, followed the next year by Chicago’s Lester Lampert Jewellers, who also added “Baubles, Bubbles & Jewells” to the calendar.

Sustaining the Preferred Partners tradition and moving it forward, in 2019 and 2020 came the addition of Haute Explore, providing bespoke travel experiences around the globe, Somerset Charters with their beautifully restored 1971 Trumpy Cruiser, and Barton & Gray Mariners Club with their fleet of Hinkleys.

The additions in 2021 of Baer’s Furniture, providers of high-end furnishings and interior design across Florida, Seabourn, the pioneer of ultra-luxury cruising, and Grand Craft Boats with their classically designed handcrafted mahogany runabouts, completed the team.

Thanks to these Preferred Partners and their steady support, planning for ACW can move forward with the freedom to craft a memorable and successful fund- and fun-raising weekend, with auction offerings domestic and international, experiences to share with friends or focused on family, and adventures, sports, jewelry, culture and more.

When ACW weekend comes: The fun begins Friday evening, Feb. 11, with the Wine and Bourbon Tasting & Silent Auction Showcase. It continues Saturday daytime with Burgers, Beers & Bidding compliments of the Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce and a NetJets display before Saturday night’s Live Auction, dinner and dancing.

Questions? Visit oceanreefcommunityfoundation.org, or contact All Charities at 305-367-5996 or allcharities@oceanreef.com.

Taken all together, our Preferred Partners are the girders upon which ACW stands. Please thank them, support them, celebrate them – they make all of us look good.