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Cheers to Tradition!

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It's **All Charities Weekend** (ACW) – time to celebrate tradition!

If, in the wake of the last couple years of social distancing, you're trying to remember how we do that, or if you're new to the event, know that it's easy and fun.

Whether or not you've already been bidding online at

bidORC.org, plan to come to Carysfort Hall tonight between 4 and 7 p.m. for the Silent Auction Showcase. Your \$50 admission (included in your ticket if you are already a Patron or Trustee) covers the wine tasting that selects the Members Choice offerings for Ocean Reef's dining establishments for next season, and new this year, a bourbon tasting, too. It's also the first eyes-on occasion to investigate closely the fabulous record-breaking collection of items available for your bidding pleasure. Your task couldn't be simpler:

Browse. Marvel. Bid.
Sip. Spit. Vote.
Revisit. Bid again.
Chat. Laugh. Reconnect.
Sip some more. Bid anew.

Have fun. Do good. Thank all the chairs, and volunteers, and staff for countless hours of devotion and creativity.

Bid with an eye toward winning and keep track of your bids at bidORC.org.

Honor tradition. Make miracles happen.

Why? By the time Silent Auction bidding closes at 10:30 p.m. tomorrow (Saturday), the tradition of giving that

defines this amazing community will once again have enabled future magic, which is, after all, THE POINT. Shameless generosity enables the Ocean Reef Community Foundation's

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distribution of financial grants to assist thousands of our neighbors in Key Largo, Homestead and Florida City, plus local entities vital to Ocean Reef: The Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT and Conservation Association. Over \$50 million has been distributed since 2008.

You'll find adventures on The Reef, across the country, and beyond the Gulfstream and the Atlantic. Delicious

meals and fine wines to savor. Rare vintages for your cellar. Awesome artwork. Great golf. Fantastic fishing. Bags and baubles. Unique experiences for mind and body. Make the most of this opportunity to garner extraordinary and memorable experiences for yourselves.

Return Saturday between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to keep tabs on your favorite items. Enjoy complimentary "Burgers, Beers and Bidding" from noon to 2 p.m. courtesy of the Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce. Continue browsing, connecting and bidding. Leave time to visit the display of NetJets aircraft at the Ocean Reef Airport between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Both tonight and tomorrow, purchase Bucket Raffle tickets for wonderful items from the practical to the fanciful, the drawings for which will be at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

And from 4 p.m. today through tomorrow evening, jeweler Lester Lampert will be at Carysfort with beautiful pieces for your consideration (no matter the price tag, Lester donates 20 percent back to All Charities).

The Silent Auction closes at the end of the Live Auction.* The highest bidders at that time will be the winners (you do not need to be present to win) and can be identified at "My Bids" on the bidding site. Item pick

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up will be between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday at Carysfort Hall

Not able to attend but itching to take part via surrogate bidding? Contact the All Charities office at 305-367-5996 or via AllCharities@OceanReef.com to make arrangements.

Questions? Visit oceanreefcommunityfoundation.org. (Pssst! Don't forget to bid early, often and outrageously: It's the All Charities tradition!)

**For those who have RSVP'd Saturday night's black-tie All Charities Gala and Live Auction begins at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails in Carysfort Hall, followed by 7 p.m. dinner, auction and dancing in Town Hall.*