

# ORCF 2020 Community Grants



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The Ocean Reef Community Foundation's annual grants program is providing more than \$1.4 million to nonprofit organizations serving neighboring areas this year thanks to the Ocean Reef community's generous participation in the 2020 All Charities effort.

The ORCF Community Grants Program funds dozens of worthy charities in the interest areas of Education, Youth, Health & Family Services and Community in the Upper Keys, Homestead and Florida City each spring. Including 2020 grants, the program has donated more than \$11 million to improve the quality of life in the communities where Ocean Reef employee families live since the All Charities collaboration began in 2008.

This is a year unlike any other. Due to the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, each of the 2020 Grant Recipients is receiving the news of their award with special attention called to one proviso. If the organization can no longer execute the grant project as presented in the application or must now prioritize different needs, the Foundation will consider requests to change the use of the funds on a case-by-case basis.

It has always been a requirement of our Grant Agreement that any change in use must be pre-approved or the funds returned, and we expect this policy will serve us - and the charities now stressed to meet changing needs during the ongoing public health and economic crisis - especially well this year. We will continue

to be 100 percent transparent about how your donations were used when the final outcome is known.

After months of careful vetting, a Grants Committee of your peers recommended the Foundation's entire share of 2020 All Charities proceeds (combined with additional donations to the Community Grants Fund) be distributed as follows:

**ACT4Me:** Therapy programs for Homestead/Florida City children with neurological and genetic disorders-\$24,000

**Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts:** Learning through the Arts curriculum and live performance field trip for 5th graders in Homestead/Florida City Title I schools-\$15,000

**ARC of South Florida:** Passenger van to transport Homestead/Florida City children with disabilities - \$28,000

**Autism Society of the Keys:** Technology and therapy for autistic youth-\$10,000.

**Branches Florida City:**

- Grow & Climb teen leadership development and employment mentoring program-\$25,000

- Tax Preparation/VITA and Savings Champion pilot program for families-\$25,000

**Be Strong International:** Universal "Triple P" Parenting workshops for Homestead/Florida City families-\$10,000

**Burton Memorial United Methodist Church:**

- Food Pantry: Refrigerated truck usage to enable pick up of perishable donations from local grocery stores-\$7,200

- Pre-School: Summer Enrichment Program-\$7,000

**Camillus House:** CHEER educational initiative to assist formerly homeless children in attending school and catching up with peers-\$10,000

**Caring for Miami:** Project Smile Mobile Dental Unit visits for the Upper Keys, Homestead and Florida City-\$35,000

**Centro Campesino:** Room divider to create separate program spaces-\$14,000

**Chapman Partnership:** Parent

Institute at the Family Resource Center for families transitioning from homelessness-\$6,340

**City Year Miami:** Positive Behavior Interventions and Support pilot program and expansion for Homestead schools-\$20,000

**Common Threads:** Nutrition education for Homestead children and families-\$5,025

**Communities in Schools:** Bridges to Graduation & Beyond drop-out prevention programs at three Homestead schools-\$25,000

**DMF Employment Opportunities:** Employment initiative for Homestead/Florida City individuals with intellectual and development disabilities-\$9,000

**Domestic Abuse Shelter:** Prevention programs for Upper Keys youth and training for key providers of youth services-\$10,000

**Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe:** Early Childhood Education Conference for Monroe County childcare providers-\$8,000

**Feeding South Florida:**

- Delivery of food to Upper Keys food pantries-\$24,000
- Year-round "Backpack" weekend meals for disadvantaged children in the Upper Keys pre-schools-\$20,000

**Florida Impact to End**

**Hunger:** Set-up expenses for breakfast, afterschool and summer food programs in Homestead, Florida City and Upper Keys schools-\$26,577

**Florida Keys Area Health Education:** In-school primary medical services program at Key Largo School and Coral Shores High School-\$20,000

**Florida Keys Children's Shelter:** Recreation, Life Skills and Education Coaching Programs-\$40,000

**Florida Keys Foster Adoptive Parents Association:** Unfunded needs for children in Foster Care in the Upper Keys-\$15,000

**Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition:** Upper Keys Child Safety Equipment and Early Childhood Education programs-\$22,000

**Florida Keys Outreach**

**Coalition:** Quick Assist program to prevent homelessness-\$5,000

**Genesis Hopeful Haven:** Successful Transition Empowerment Program to support Homestead/Florida City youth aging out of foster care-\$42,000

**Good Health Clinic:** Vision screening equipment and software to identify and treat cataracts and diabetic retinopathy in medically vulnerable/disadvantaged patients-\$15,200

**Good Hope Equestrian Training Center:** Endless Strides 10-week therapy program for about two dozen people with disabilities-\$10,000

**Greater Miami Youth for Christ:** Teen Indigenous Leaders development and employment mentoring program at West Homestead KIX-\$25,000

**Greater Miami Youth Symphony:** Music lessons program at three schools in Homestead/Florida City-\$10,000

**Guitars Over Guns Organization:** Music instruction programs and mentors for at-risk Homestead/Florida City youth-\$20,000

**Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys:** Contribution to building of 16+ additional affordable workforce housing units on county-donated land-\$50,000

**Key Largo School:**

- Summer Recreation program for up to 250 pre-K through 5th grade students-\$35,050

- AVID college readiness program, college trips and teacher training-\$9,700

- Art supplies and tools for the elementary art program-\$2,700

- Transportation for the 5th grade class to participate in the Arsht Center Learning Through the Arts performance-\$1,000

**Kristi House:** Human Trafficking Symposium-\$5,000

**Mexican American Council:** College & Career Readiness program for seniors from families of farm workers at Homestead high schools-\$20,000

**Miami Lighthouse for the Blind:** Children's Vision Program for 830 in both service

areas-\$10,000

**MUJER:** Breaking the Secret Workshops w/ University of Miami and follow up therapy for 40+ abused children-\$35,000

**Ocean Reef Volunteer Fire Department:** CPR/Advanced Life Support training equipment to improve cardiac arrest survival-\$10,000

**Ocean Studies (Public)**

**Charter School:** Playground equipment for new location in Key Largo-\$26,000 (MATCH REQUIRED)

**PATCHES PPEC:**

Transportation for children with complex medical needs-\$40,000

**Redlands Christian Migrants Association:** Security system for South Dade Child Development Center-\$20,000

**Reef Environmental**

**Education Foundation:** Project Nature Days field trips and environmental education for Florida Keys Children's Shelter residents-\$3,940

**Saint Justin Martyr Pre-School:** Security system and fencing-\$16,000

**South Florida Council of Boy Scouts:** Scouting expenses for disadvantaged youth in the Homestead area-\$15,000

**South Florida Science Center & Aquarium:** Bringing the Science Passport educational program to Title 1 elementary schools in Homestead/Florida City and the Upper Keys-\$25,000

**Special Olympics Florida Monroe County:** Expansion of programs to serve 284 Upper Keys individuals with intellectual disabilities-\$18,000

**Star of the Sea Outreach Mission:** Food pantry programs at St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church Food Pantry-\$17,000

**Start Off Smart:**

- Homestead Police Department Youth Community Service & Education Initiative-\$20,000
- Two Police Academy Scholarships for locals committed to serving in the Homestead Police Department-\$15,000

**Take Stock in Children:** College scholarships (matched

by the Florida Pre-Paid College Foundation) for Upper Keys youth mentoring program-\$60,000

**The College of the Florida Keys:** Building Trades Apprenticeship Skills Laboratory for the New Upper Keys Center-\$100,000

**TIPS:** Florida Keys Youth Basketball League-\$6,000

**Touching Miami with Love** (West Homestead Site):

- Staffing to enable a 36% increase in enrollment-\$17,000
- Junior Internship Program-\$8,000

**USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 13-04:** Maintenance of the flotilla vessel-\$13,000

**United Way of the Florida Keys:** Expansion of the Early Literacy Program to the Upper Keys to an additional 60 pre-school children-\$9,000

**VOICES for Florida Keys Children:** Children's Welfare Program to assist families through the 16th Judicial Court Guardian Ad Litem-\$7,500

**Waypoint Foundation:** Mobile

Dental Unit to provide services to youth in Monroe County Schools in partnership with Florida Keys AHEC-\$50,000 (MATCH REQUIRED)

**Wellspring Counseling:** Counseling services for disadvantaged youth and families in the Homestead area-\$20,000

**YMCA of South Florida:**

- Drowning Prevention Program for 500 disadvantaged Homestead pre-school children-\$67,750
- Homestead Summer Learning Loss Prevention Camp-\$17,500
- Afterschool Program scholarships-\$10,000
- Key Largo Summer Camp and Afterschool Program scholarships-\$53,000

**Total 2020 Community Grants: \$1,421,482**

To learn more about the Community Grants program, 2020 Co-Investment Opportunities to complement partial grants, please email [foundation@oceanreef.com](mailto:foundation@oceanreef.com).

