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## FOUNDATION DONATION CREATES HANK AND CORINNE GREENBERG PARK



By William J. Nutt

The Ocean Reef Community Foundation is very pleased to announce the receipt of a tremendous donation of two large residential lots to be designated as a community park. Long-time Equity Members Hank and Corinne Greenberg have donated the bayfront property, totaling nearly two acres of real estate, to the Foundation for the purpose of creating a park to provide open views of Card Sound for Ocean Reef residents. The donation of these two lots at the end of Country Club Road, adjacent to Cannon Point, represents the single largest donation ever received by the Foundation.

When making their donation, Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg asked the Foundation to use these lots to preserve open space in perpetuity through the creation of a park available to the Ocean Reef community. In turn, the Foundation has agreed with ORCA to landscape and administer the new Hank and Corinne Greenberg Park. Marshall Wishnack, Chairman of the ORCA Board of Directors, said "ORCA looks forward to creating and executing a landscape plan which preserves this unique asset. It will be the only place with vistas and sunset views accessible to the community." The Foundation and ORCA also met with the neighbors at Cannon Point to reflect their views in the planning process. The preliminary plans contemplate the Park being open during daylight hours with walking paths, benches, and broad, open spaces for activities such as fly-casting.

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### Plans for the Park



### Thank You Hank and Corinne Greenberg



Our thanks to the Greenbergs, whose gift to the community was celebrated with key leadership at a small dinner honoring them last year. ORCF Vice President Tom Davidson, Sr., Dedie Nutt, Chairman Bill Nutt, ORC Chair Teresa Holmes, Jay Holmes, Hank and Corinne Greenberg, Sally Davidson, Russ Post, Lyndsey Ritz, and ORCA President David Ritz

# THE OCEAN REEF COMMUNITY'S

The Ocean Reef Community's immediate readiness to help and remarkable generosity in the devastating wake of Hurricane Irma was extraordinary and played a critical role in the recovery our employees, charities and surrounding communities where they live, and tens of thousands of Monroe County residents and dozens of non-profits Keys-wide. In cooperation with Ocean Reef Club we began collecting donations within 10 days of the storm. Hundreds of member families gave. In all, more than \$2.3 million was raised and distributed both through the Club (about \$360,000 directly to Associates) and two Ocean Reef Community Foundation Funds (just under \$2 million). As always, the Foundation reports how your donations are used with complete transparency.

## Community Relief Fund Grants

More than a dozen grants were approved for Upper Keys and Homestead/Florida City charities, both to repair damages and recoup losses to get help get them back up and running and to help them provide hurricane recovery services:

- United Way of the Florida Keys (Upper Keys) \$45,000
- Key Largo School \$20,000
- Coral Shores High School \$20,000
- Guides Trust Foundation (Upper Keys Guides Assistance) \$30,000
- Monroe Association of Retarded Citizens (Upper Keys) \$39,999
- Good Health Clinic \$21,200
- Take Stock in Children (Upper Keys) \$25,000
- ARC of South Florida/Project Thrive & Ace Academy Florida City \$25,000
- Touching Miami With Love Homestead Site \$25,000
- Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition (Upper Keys) \$25,000
- Ocean Reef Conservation Association (Ocean Reef Guides Assistance) \$23,000
- Ocean Studies Public Charter School (Tavernier) \$7,000
- Key Largo School Jumpstart Program \$4,500

## COMMUNITY RELIEF FUND REPORT

The Community Relief Fund was the Foundation's earliest effort, created in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew to be at the ready to assist recovery of employees and adjacent communities in the case of another natural disaster. Thanks to our founders' wisdom and foresight, we were able to quickly accept almost \$650,000 and immediately respond with much needed assistance just as they intended. Not only did non-tax deductible donations through the Club provide direct assistance to their own and ORCA employees, the Foundation quickly initiated broader programs to both help employees of the community directly and to support the nonprofit institutions relied upon on in their home communities of Homestead, Florida City and the Upper Keys to provide important services.

### Direct Employee Assistance Program and Gift Card Distributions\*

- Over a six-day period, more than 600 Ocean Reef Club Associates, ORCA and members' employees and other community workers took advantage of the FEMA application and insurance paper work assistance and other support services and resource referral by a team brought in by the Foundation and hosted at the Club's HR Training Center.



- More than 200 \$100 Grocery Store Gift Cards went to employees working in first response efforts on-site after the hurricane.
- About one thousand \$200 Grocery Store Gift Cards were distributed to Club and ORCA employees, as well as those of OR nonprofits and Clubs within the Club.
- About one thousand \$100 Home Depot Gift Cards were distributed to Club and ORCA employees, as well as those of OR nonprofits and Clubs within the Club in advance of the Holidays.
- Finally, 730 \$25 Grocery Store Gift Cards were distributed to Club and ORCA employees to buy nonperishable food items to complete the Club's distribution of Hurricane Preparedness Kits in advance of the 2018 Hurricane Season.

\*Gift Card distributions applied to all employees, excluding directors and senior management.

# HURRICANE IRMA RESPONSE

## FLORIDA KEYS HURRICANE RESPONSE FUND COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

By Committee Chairman Bob Schmetterer

Today countless lives upended when Hurricane Irma hit the Keys on September 10, 2017 have been righted. And things are returning to a "new normal" in Monroe County with thanks to the generosity and actions of the Ocean Reef Community.



As always, our members were quick to act to help our neighbors and our employees. But, it also quickly became clear the devastation and need stretched far farther than the parameters of the Community Relief Fund which had been created to help our employees and neighbors.

When an anonymous Ocean Reef family recognized this and came forward with a \$500,000 match challenge for donations to assist all of the Keys beyond Ocean Reef's gates in the October 6 *Ocean Reef Press*, the Florida Keys Hurricane Response Fund was created.

Within a week, five other families stepped up with \$100,000 donations and the challenge was met. Our committee quickly came together, as did an advisory group of experts from throughout the county which would eventually become known as the Florida Keys Hurricane Recovery Foundation.

At the outset on October 25th, 2017 I shared with our new committee some guiding principles "to create, design and execute a thoughtful yet time sensitive process to distribute monies for the ORCF Florida Keys Hurricane Response Fund." Among

them, "The Committee will focus on the most effective use and distribution of these funds over the short term. The goal would be to complete the work within ... no more than six months, which would also be the lifetime of the committee." We acted immediately and approved and dispatched our first grants and got desperately needed aid to our struggling fellow citizens that very same week. Essential to our success in getting financial support directly to families in need was the relationship our advisory committee helped establish with the Coldwell Banker Schmitt Charitable Foundation, which had a history of assisting over 800 individuals county-wide through five

**Florida Keys Hurricane Response Fund Committee**

Chairman Bob Schmetterer

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Alan Goldstein

Ken Karl

ORCA President David Ritz

ORCF Executive Director Yuri Mikolay

offices throughout the Keys. This collaboration enabled one hundred percent of our contributions to be distributed with no administrative costs and ensured that each

request for funds was carefully reviewed and researched. We also added an additional layer of vetting by our Keys advisory committee.

As promised, on April 21, 2018 just under six months in, our committee approved our final grant of the first \$1 million to our partner providing assistance directly to families in need.

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# THE OCEAN REEF COMMUNITY'S

Please take a moment to look at all the grants listed here to get a sense of the remarkable results of our community's generosity. All members can take pride in the knowledge that thousands are still here in Monroe County working to make it whole again and returning their families to healthier, more stable lives with our help.



is a lasting legacy for the generosity of our lead donors and for all our work.

Along with the rest of the Keys, we turned our attention to longer term recovery with our final \$300,000. It's unanimous that the most dire, overwhelming and daunting need in Monroe County is workforce housing and our final grants were all focused on solutions for rapidly rebuilding hard hit Lower and Middle Keys workforce neighborhoods. In part because of our efforts, innovative housing projects earned the support of the Monroe County Commission and non-profit partners including Center for Disaster Recovery, Florida Keys Hurricane Recovery Foundation,



Our immediate \$1 million emergency response was absolutely critical to the lives of thousands. Only recently, almost a year out, did significant funding finally come through to the Keys to provide case management for those still in need and non-profits Keys wide organized to form the Long Term Recovery Group effort now underway.



Community Foundation of the Florida Keys and United Way. The Foundation sees its commitment in matching funds of less than \$200,000 as having leveraged more than \$600,000 in additional support.

So after six months of focus our work was

efficiently and effectively done and shortly thereafter remaining funds distributed to strategic long term recovery efforts. It was so very interesting and so very rewarding. It certainly has reshaped my view and appreciation for the role we play as citizens of the Florida Keys, well beyond our remarkable Ocean Reef Club. I want to personally thank the match donor family and lead donors, each of you who contributed to the fund, those who served on our committee, our advisory committee and partners outside the gate and the Foundation for making so much good happen in so little time.

The Florida Keys Hurricane Recovery Foundation, which was formed to advise us and will be ready to do so again with a quick response and immediate emergency assistance program in place for future storms,



# HURRICANE IRMA RESPONSE



State Representative Holly Rachein's Aide Kate DeLoach, journalist Kristen Livengood, then Monroe County Mayor George Neugent, ORCF Executive Director Yuri Mikolay, Coldwell Banker Schmitt Charitable Foundation Chair Nira Tocco and Jessica Borraccino and Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce CEO Daniel Sameness celebrating an early grant of \$250K gift to Coldwell Banker Schmitt Charitable Foundation at the second meeting of the new Florida Keys Hurricane Recovery Foundation Board of Directors. Mikolay represented the Ocean Reef Community Foundation on the board of the charity assembled to assess hurricane-related needs and address them with a coordinated, county-wide response.



## HONORARY CONCHS



Then Monroe County Commissioner George Neugent (center) presented ORCF Chairman Bill Nutt and ORCF Florida Keys Hurricane Response Fund Chairman Bob Schmetterer with Honorary Conch status in appreciation of Ocean Reef's county-wide hurricane response. "Conch" is the term used to by Keys natives to describe fellow locals. Alan Goldstein (far right) was previously honored.

## Florida Keys Hurricane Response Fund Grants

**Florida Keys Hurricane Recovery Foundation & Coldwell Banker Schmitt Charitable Foundation Collaboration** ... The majority of donations (three grants totaling \$645,000 with \$250,000 directly to CBSCF and \$395,000 through FKHRF) provided meaningful direct relief to more than 600 families including thousands of individuals county-wide with thorough vetting with no administrative costs through this important partnership. Most commonly grants helped with housing costs (first, last and security deposits and mortgage payments); home and small business repairs; replacing furniture and appliances; and vehicle repair and replacement.

**Baptist Health South Florida Foundation** for now-closed Fisherman's Hospital field hospital in Marathon, providing emergency, lab, x-ray, pharmacy and six inpatient beds until new structure is built, \$25,000.

**Community Foundation of the Florida Keys Monroe County Long Term Recovery Fund**, for projects that will facilitate the production of additional units of workforce housing, \$50,000.

**Florida Keys Community College Hurricane Relief Fund**, aid to students and employees struggling with hurricane related issues, including housing, transportation, and textbooks, \$20,000.

**Florida Keys Community Land Trust**, matching grants totaling \$176,000 towards four new affordable housing units on Big Pine Key, Irma's ground zero, in collaboration with Monroe County, Center for Disaster Recovery, Community Foundation of the Florida Keys, Florida Keys Hurricane Recovery Foundation and United Way of the Florida Keys.

**Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition for the Middle & Lower Keys**, providing hurricane relief efforts and support for expectant and new moms and little ones of all ages, \$60,000.

**Grace Jones Child Care Center** in Marathon, repairs and aid in accommodating more children after other daycares in the area closed due to the storm, \$20,000

**Habitat for Humanity of Key West & The Lower Keys**, for home repair and building projects to add new workforce housing units to the marketplace, \$50,000

**Habitat for Humanity of The Middle Keys**, for home repair and building projects to add new workforce housing units to the marketplace, \$25,000

**Keys Children's Foundation**, redistributed for Upper Keys charities including School Needy Funds and pantries and the Key Largo Library, \$50,000

**Kreative Kids Academy (New Life Assemblies Church)**, school building repair, \$20,000.

**Marathon Community Theatre**, building repairs, \$10,000.

**Monroe County School District**, to replace damaged culinary program text books at Key West, Marathon and Coral Shores High Schools, \$14,671.

**Samuel's House**, new roof for shelter for abused women and families, \$25,000.

**Star of the Sea Outreach Mission**, food and distribution of food and needed items such as mattresses, \$60,000.

**Volunteers of America of Florida**, transportation costs of delivering hundreds of thousands of dollars in donated, new furniture to the Keys, \$20,000.

**WomanKind Medical Center**, care for patients with hurricane-related financial need (clinic also serves men and children), \$25,000.





## 2019 PREVIEW



2019 Co-Chairs  
Luisa Bryan and Roy Sutton

### All Charities Weekend

Online auction February 1-9  
orfound.org

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**Opening Night Wine Tasting**  
Silent Auction Showcase  
4 – 7 p.m. | Carysfort Hall

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

**Silent Auction Showcase**  
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Carysfort Hall

**Burgers, Beers & Bidding**  
Compliments of Ocean Reef  
Chamber of Commerce

Noon – 2 p.m. | Carysfort Hall

**NetJets Aircraft Display**  
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Ocean Reef Airport

### All Charities Gala

TICKETS ARE LIMITED

Cocktails and Silent Auction  
5:30 p.m. | Carysfort Hall

Dinner, Live Auction and Dancing  
7 p.m. | Town Hall

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**Silent Auction Item Pick Up**  
9 a.m.–2 p.m. | Carysfort Hall

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*Thank you*  
Cindy Manzo and Kathy Weiland, *Co-Chairs*  
and the  
2018 All Charities Weekend Committee

# 2018 ALL CHARITIES EFFORT REPORT

## All Charities Partners

	All Charities Weekend 2018	All Charities Fund Gifts via Club Dues	All Charities 2018 Total	2008-2018 11-Year Total
Ocean Reef Art League	\$ 306,969	\$ 36,190	\$ 343,159	\$ 2,500,599
Ocean Reef Community Foundation	\$ 1,877,875	\$ 144,761	\$ 2,022,636	\$ 8,383,024
Ocean Reef Conservation Association	\$ 306,969	\$ 36,190	\$ 343,159	\$ 2,494,856
Ocean Reef Cultural Center	\$ 944,519	\$ 111,355	\$ 1,055,874	\$ 6,840,552
Ocean Reef Medical Center Foundation	\$ 1,251,488	\$ 147,545	\$ 1,399,033	\$ 8,407,961
ORCAT	\$ 95,839	\$ 8,351	\$ 104,190	\$ 410,566
The Academy at Ocean Reef	\$ 613,937	\$ 72,381	\$ 686,318	\$ 4,353,580
Special Projects: Baptist Hospital Helipad	\$ 100,000		\$ 100,000	\$ 200,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 5,497,596</b>	<b>\$ 556,773</b>	<b>\$ 6,054,369</b>	<b>\$ 33,591,138</b>

## 2018 ALL CHARITIES PARTNER LEADERS

**Seated, left to right:** Academy at Ocean Reef Head of School Christina Simonds; Ocean Reef Community Foundation Grants Committee Chair Janie Sims; Ocean Reef Art League Membership Chair Sally Weisleder

**Standing, left to right:** All Charities Co-Director Mike Jones, Ocean Reef Cultural Center President John Hunt; Ocean Reef Conservation Association President Jack

Salisbury; Medical Center at Ocean Reef CEO Keith Young; ORCA Vice President/Director of Administration and ORCAT representative Greg Tindle; Ocean Reef Community Foundation VP and All Charities Co-Director Michael Berman



## ORCF Grants to Other Ocean Reef Charities

- Ocean Reef Volunteer Fire Department**
  - Training and equipment for Waterway Fire Partnership with Coast Guard Auxiliary \$ 12,600
- U.S. Coast Guard Flotilla 13-4**
  - Maintenance of Flotilla boat \$ 12,000

**Total to Ocean Reef-based Charities \$24,600**

## ORCF Community Grants to Homestead, Florida City and Upper Keys Charities

The Ocean Reef Community Foundation's annual Community Grants program, which awarded more than \$1 million to charities outside Ocean Reef's gates for the first time in 2017, made grants totaling almost \$1.5 million to charities in Homestead, Florida City and the Upper Keys in 2018. The marked increase was made possible by an upsurge in member support for the All Charities effort, which topped the 2017 record by a remarkable \$1.5 million and effectively

doubled last year's share of proceeds. The additional amount will fund "big picture" strategic projects for the region, which will be fully reported at a later date. The Foundation's Community Grants program awards grants to dozens of worthy charities to benefit Education, Youth, Health & Family Services and Community in the areas surrounding Ocean Reef, where its employees live and raise their families, each year following All Charities Auction Weekend.

<b>ACT4Me</b>			
■ Therapy for disabled children	\$ 30,000		
<b>ARC of South Florida</b>			
■ 34 laptop computer packages for classrooms and afterschool program	\$ 17,000		
■ Adaptive seating and sensory equipment	\$ 12,600		
<b>ArshT Center for the Performing Arts</b>			
■ Learning through the Arts curriculum and live performance field trip for 5th graders in Homestead and Florida City Title I schools	\$ 10,000		
<b>Autism Society of the Keys</b>			
■ Technology and therapy for autistic youth	\$ 10,000		
<b>Branches Florida City</b>			
■ Grow & Climb teen leadership development and employment mentoring program	\$ 25,000		
<b>Burton Memorial Methodist Church Food Pantry</b>			
■ Refrigerated truck usage to enable pick up of perishable donations from local grocery stores	\$ 6,000		
<b>Camillus House</b>			
■ CHEER educational initiative to assist 300+ homeless children in attending school and catching up with peers	\$ 15,000		
<b>Caring for Miami</b>			
■ Project Smile Mobile Dental Unit visits for the Upper Keys, Homestead and Florida City	\$ 40,000		
<b>Carrfour Supportive Housing</b>			
■ Academic Excellence & Youth Leadership program for formerly homeless children and teens	\$ 10,000		
<b>Centro Campesino</b>			
■ Computer education programs for 200+ disadvantaged children and their families	\$ 30,000		
<b>Chapman Partnership</b>			
■ Launch of a Parent Institute for families transitioning from homelessness	\$ 10,000		
<b>City Year</b>			
■ Services at Homestead's Homestead Middle School for at-risk kids in the Homestead area	\$ 30,000		
<b>Common Threads</b>			
■ Nutrition and cooking skills education for patients with conditions helped by diet thru Baptist Health and families thru Carrfour Supportive Services	\$ 16,495		

<b>Communities in Schools Miami</b>			
■ Extending Bridges to Graduation & Beyond drop-out prevention program to Homestead Middle School	\$ 30,000		
<b>Domestic Abuse Shelter</b>			
■ Prevention programs for Upper Keys youth and training for key providers of youth services	\$ 10,000		
<b>Down South Xtreme Sports &amp; Fitness Academy</b>			
■ Tutoring by certified teachers to expand program combining sports and tutoring to additional youth in Homestead	\$ 10,800		
<b>Early Learning Coalition</b>			
■ Early Childhood Education Conference for Monroe County childcare providers	\$ 8,000		
<b>Faith Church of the Redlands</b>			
■ Expansion of educational programs to provide job skills training for special needs students entering the workforce	\$ 10,000		
<b>Feeding South Florida</b>			
■ Homestead School Pantry Program	\$ 50,000		
■ Food allocation for Burton Memorial United Methodist Church Food Pantry	\$ 9,000		
■ Food allocation for St. Justin Martyr Food Pantry	\$ 10,000		
■ Year-round "Backpack" weekend meals for children in the Upper Keys preschools	\$ 25,000		
<b>Florida Impact</b>			
■ No Kid Hungry in Key Largo program to offer start up of accessible breakfast and add healthy snacks at Key Largo School (K-8) and Coral Shores High School	\$ 25,000		
<b>Florida Keys Area Health Education</b>			
■ In-school primary medical services program at Key Largo School and Coral Shores High School	\$ 10,000		
<b>Florida Keys Children's Shelter</b>			
■ Facility updates including artificial turf, video monitoring system and replacement of generator	\$ 45,000		
<b>Florida Keys Community College</b>			
■ To expand Key West's Game Changer scholarship program to 10 Upper Keys Students	\$ 40,000		
<b>Florida Keys Foster Adoptive Parents Association</b>			
■ Unfunded needs for children in Foster Care in the Upper Keys	\$ 12,000		
<b>Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition</b>			
■ Upper Keys Child Safety Equipment & Education program	\$ 11,000		
■ Upper Keys Perinatal Mood & Anxiety Disorders programs and Upper Keys Tot Time programs and training	\$ 14,250		
<b>Florida Keys Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center</b>			
■ Rebuilding of boardwalk	\$ 5,000		
<b>Good Hope Equestrian Training Center</b>			
■ Endless Strides 10 week therapy program for two dozen people with disabilities	\$ 10,000		
<b>Greater Miami Youth for Christ</b>			
■ Teen Indigenous Leaders development and employment mentoring program at Homestead KIX Programs	\$ 30,000		
<b>Greater Miami Youth Symphony</b>			
■ Expansion of music lessons program at three schools in Homestead/Florida City	\$ 15,000		
<b>Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys</b>			
■ Building of additional affordable workforce housing on county-donated land	\$ 25,000	MR	
<b>Institute of Child &amp; Family Health</b>			
■ Case management and prevention program for younger siblings of habitual juvenile offenders	\$ 50,000		
<b>Jacobs Aquatic Center</b>			
■ Repairs and updates to pirate ship and kiddie/teaching pools	\$ 18,000		
<b>Key Largo School</b>			
■ 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		
■ Bilingual library books	\$ 3,000		
■ Art supplies and tools for the elementary art program	\$ 2,700		
■ Reward therapy program for special needs students	\$ 2,200		
■ STEM Nature Trail project	\$ 600		
■ STEM 3D Design project	\$ 4,026		
■ Transportation for the 5th grade class to participate in the Arsht Center Learning Through the Arts performance	\$ 1,000		
<b>Kristi House</b>			
■ Training for child services providers in dealing with childhood trauma and working with kids before, during and after a hurricane	\$ 13,000		
<b>Medical Academy for Science &amp; Technology (MAST)</b>			
■ Clinical Simulation Lab equipment	\$ 5,000		
<b>Mexican American Council</b>			
■ College & Career Readiness program including mentoring for high school juniors and college transition and enrollment assistance for seniors from families of farm workers at Homestead high schools	\$ 35,220		
<b>Miami Lighthouse for the Blind</b>			
■ Children's Vision Program for 830 in both service areas	\$ 10,000		
<b>Motivational Edge</b>			
■ Therapeutic Arts Program at Chapman Partnership and two residential treatment facilities for male juvenile offenders in Florida City	\$ 15,000		
<b>MUJER</b>			
■ Breaking the Secret Workshops with University of Miami and follow up therapy for 40+ abused children	\$ 45,000		
<b>New Hope C.O.R.P.S.</b>			
■ Generator for a residential outpatient treatment facility in Homestead	\$ 19,000	MR	
<b>Paramount Dance</b>			
■ Partial scholarships for dance instruction for children from low-income families in Homestead	\$ 6,000		
<b>PATCHES</b>			
■ Transportation solutions for pediatric nursing daycare for medically complex children	\$ 60,000		
<b>ProjectArt</b>			
■ ProjectArt Miami's youth art education program for the Homestead Public Library	\$ 20,000		
<b>Redlands Christian Migrant Association</b>			
■ ADA wheelchair ramp for Florida City childcare center	\$ 8,000		
<b>Reef Environmental Education Foundation</b>			
■ Project Nature Days summer field trips and environmental education for Florida Keys Children's Shelter residents	\$ 5,000		
<b>St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church</b>			
■ Installation of new flooring throughout preschool to replace 50 year old linoleum	\$ 22,200		
<b>South Dade Child Development Center</b>			
■ Family Enrichment Center and GED programs for parents of students	\$ 17,534		
<b>South Florida Science Museum &amp; Aquarium</b>			
■ Science Passport educational program for at-risk Title 1 elementary school students in both areas	\$ 25,000		
<b>Star of the Sea Outreach Mission</b>			
■ Food pantry projects and services at St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church Food Pantry	\$ 24,000		
<b>Start Off Smart</b>			
■ Development of the national PAL Youth Directors Program and projects at the Homestead Police Department's Police Athletic League	\$ 20,400		
■ Community Empowerment Project to coordinate programs including six bimonthly annual community events with organizations serving youth to increase and encourage positive interaction, communication and collaboration between youth and law enforcement in Homestead	\$ 16,169		
■ Towards Police Academy Scholarships for local youth who commit to serving in Homestead	\$ 5,000		
<b>System Miami</b>			
■ Tutoring by certified teachers to expand program combining sports and tutoring to additional youth in Homestead	\$ 10,800		
<b>Take Stock in Children</b>			
■ College scholarships (matched by the Florida Pre-Paid College Foundation) for Upper Keys mentor program students	\$ 50,000		
<b>TIPS</b>			
■ Upper Keys youth basketball league	\$ 6,000		
<b>Touching Miami with Love (Homestead Site)</b>			
■ Summer internship and employment skills mentoring program for teens from low-income families	\$ 22,940		
<b>VOICES for Florida Keys Children</b>			
■ Children's Welfare Program to assist families through the 16th Judicial Court Guardian Ad Litem	\$ 5,000		
<b>YMCA of South Florida</b>			
■ Drowning Prevention Program for 480 disadvantaged Homestead children	\$ 63,020		
■ Homestead Summer Learning Loss Prevention Camp and Afterschool Program scholarships	\$ 50,000		
■ Key Largo Summer Camp and Afterschool Program scholarships	\$ 53,000		

**Total in Homestead, Florida City and Upper Keys Charities**  
**\$1,425,704**

**TOTAL ON & OFF REEF GRANTS**  
**\$1,450,304**

After months of careful vetting and evaluation of more than 80 applications and numerous site visits, a Grants Committee of your peers recommended funding for the following projects benefitting Youth, Education, Health & Family Services and Community in the Greater Ocean Reef Community. Our Community Grants Spotlight offers the opportunity to learn about the real life impact of your participation in the All Charities Effort directly from the recipient organizations.

The Ocean Reef Community is also invited to see the impact personally on at least three tours of Homestead, Florida City and the Upper Keys charities which benefit from and/or have applied our Community Grants Program with our Grants Committee each season. Feedback on applicant organizations and projects from tour participants is a vital part of the committee's decision making process (see page 28 for dates and sign up information).

It is also important to note that in addition to follow up visits conducted on tours, the Foundation continues to monitor all projects and each recipient will submit detailed reporting before being able to apply for further funding.

### Grants Committee 2018-2019

Janie Sims, Chair

Patty Davidson	Cynthia Lee
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### ACT4Me

At A Chance for Therapy (Act4Me), we are very grateful for your continued support and cannot thank you and your organization enough for the difference you make in our community. **Because of this grant, an additional eight underserved children with disabilities, dealing with conditions such as autism, epilepsy, cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy, will each receive a full year of therapy; along with matching funds, this grant will help a total of 42 children this year.** The effect of this therapy is beyond belief. Children accepted into our program will be granted access to long-term therapy, helping them progress, achieve developmental milestones, reach their highest potential and have a better life.

*Maida Berberian-Bignon, Founder/Executive Director*

### Adrienne Arsht Center

Many students in Title 1 schools in Homestead and Florida City fight the odds to overcome poverty, poor health, cultural and language barriers, and social isolation. But their exposure to the arts – and the social and academic benefits that accompany arts education – significantly increase every school year, thanks to Rock Odyssey and **caring organizations such as the Ocean Reef Community Foundation that support the Learning Through the Arts program at the Arsht Center.**

*Jairo Ontiveros, Vice President of Education*



### Arc of South Florida

**Thank you for generously donating 34 laptop computers plus therapeutic seating and sensory equipment to the children at The Arc.** Arc's children struggle with disabilities, plus poverty and related challenges. The laptop computers give the opportunity for children to learn in new ways through educational software and online math and reading platforms. The therapeutic seating equipment is helping children with physical disabilities to sit properly for health, and to access educational activities. The children, their families, and The Arc's staff are extremely grateful to the Foundation for these generous gifts which are making a huge difference in the lives of children with disabilities.

*Laura Secord, Director of Children's Programs*





### Autism Society of the Keys

ASK is growing in leaps and bounds. We now have regularly scheduled autism-education and family-support-group meetings throughout the Florida Keys. **The Ocean Reef Community Foundation's generous support has allowed us to provide iPads with autism-specific software** to afflicted boys and girls in the Upper Keys. We also provide specialized "sensory" clothing and products, facilitated support groups and seminars, assistance with co-pays and medical expenses during testing, and any service that will increase the quality of life for our afflicted young boys and girls and their families.

*Jill Campbell, Executive Director*

### Burton Memorial United Methodist Church

Our food pantry and kitchen serve a substantial population of families of the Upper Keys in occupations such as restaurant servers, hotel staff, childcare workers, yard maintenance, maid service or retail clerks who struggle economically in this high cost of living area. Most are employed with some holding down more than one job. However, living in the Florida Keys they are finding it difficult to pay the bills while still putting food on the table. During the last twelve months we have disbursed over 129,500 pounds of groceries and served over 2,700 meals to this population. **Resources provided by ORCF have been essential to our capability to collect, store and distribute food and meals to the needy families in our community.**

*Pastor Kerry Foote*



### Branches

Having the opportunity to transform your own community by serving as a Summer Shade Camp Guide or a Grow Guide during the school year is life-altering for our young people. This past August, Branches helped eight graduated seniors go off to college, and each one of them has served as a Summer Shade Guide or Grow Guide. **What we are doing is helping our young people develop job skills, grow personally, and alter their entire future for the positive and for that we are forever grateful to the Ocean Reef community.**

*Kim Torres, Director of Student Services*



I loved coming to Branches Summer Shade as a little kid. Being able to serve and make a difference in the lives of children gives me a true sense of purpose. Every day I told myself that I am a part of changing lives and transforming my community and I am very proud of that.

*Summer Shade Camp Guide: Melvin Amaya, Graduating High School June 2019*

Before learning about Branches, I struggled in elementary school because I didn't have anyone to help me. I am glad that I can now be the someone that kids need.

*Grow Guide: Theleine Saby, Graduated High School June 2018 and began Tallahassee Community College August 2018*



### Camillus House

Camillus House cannot thank ORCF enough for their longstanding partnership and support of the Camillus House Educational Empowerment Resources (CHEER) program, benefitting formerly homeless children housed at Mother Seton Village and Brother Mathias Place. Through a recent gift supporting the CHEER program, formerly homeless children were provided the educational services and resources necessary to ensure they thrive. In one program year 114 children were served, making a real impact on the lives of those in need. From educational field trips, tutoring, summer school and more, CHEER participants were given the tools vital to their success.

*Hilda M. Fernandez, CEO*

### Caring for Miami



It breaks my heart to know that one out of every four adults avoids smiling due to the condition of their mouth. For this reason I am beyond thankful for the support

of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation to the Project Smile Program. In the past several months our Mobile Dental Unit has had the opportunity to travel to the Good Health Clinic in Tavernier to improve the smiles of almost 100 people, and our work is far from over. It truly is a gift to experience the joy volunteers have while giving back, as well as the gratitude of our patients. Thank you Ocean Reef for your generous financial support of Project Smile.

*Kaleigha Stipe, Community Outreach Coordinator*

### Carrfour Supportive Housing

Carrfour Supportive Housing is thankful to ORCF for your work and generosity. **Because of your vital help, we are able to work cultivating a sense of stability and support essential to the prosperity of our residents through the Academic Excellence and Youth Leadership Program by assisting school age youth with literacy, social skills, nutrition, and community engagement.** This programming is only possible because of your loving donations and commitment to our organization. Your continued support allows us to engage our residents and empower them with knowledge, support, and a hope for a bright future to continue the fight to end homelessness.

*Francesca F. Steele MS, LMHC; Program Director*



### Chapman Partnership

Inspiring our children to dream big and empowering parents with knowledge is key to helping them pave a path to success both inside and outside of Chapman Partnership. **The Parent Institute, launched with support from the ORCF, teaches parents to model traits they wish to see in their children, proactively influencing the next generation.** Giving our parents the tools they need to embolden aspects of their everyday lives is proving to be a successful complement to our homeless assistance model where we emphasize self-esteem building and healthy decision making that leads to achievements in attaining their goals and their dreams.



*H. Daniel Vincent, President/CEO*



**Common Threads**

The Common Threads family is grateful for Ocean Reef Community Foundation’s support which is allowing us to launch two Homestead Community initiatives. Common Threads’ evidence-based curriculum teaches skills and knowledge to make healthy choices and empowers families to gather around the table over a home-cooked meal. With Baptist Health South Florida, we will engage families in how to better manage diet-related conditions with nutritionally appropriate low-cost recipes. With Carrfour Supportive Housing at Verde Gardens, children will learn the benefits of healthy cooking and eating while they travel the world learning about different cultures and global cuisine. Thank you ORCF!

*Linda Novick O’Keefe, CEO*

**Communities In Schools**

At CIS Miami, we amplify the power of each student’s potential by connecting them to caring adults and community resources designed to help them succeed. By being in schools every day, we support them in ways that go beyond the classroom. When a child experiences hunger and homelessness, school takes a back seat to survival. No child should have to carry the weight of these adult-sized burdens on their own. Together we can make



sure that they don’t have to. Thanks to the Ocean Reef community, we are able to expand our reach and serve more students and families in Homestead.

*Elyssa Linares, CEO*



**City Year**



This past year, six City Year AmeriCorps members served at Laura C. Saunders Elementary School thanks to the support of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation. Wearing their signature red jackets, City Year members were there for kids every day, all day, for the entire school year. When students were absent, we called home and encouraged them to come in. When students fell behind in class, we tutored them before, during,

and after school to ensure they catch up with their studies and academic skills. We are proud of what our AmeriCorps members have accomplished over the past year, thanks to your partnership.

*Karen Velazquez-Vargas, Executive Director and Vice President*



**Centro Campesino**

Centro Campesino thanks the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for supporting our technology initiative!

Your support has helped bridge the digital divide our youth faces. Our YouthPride Program provides afterschool and summer camp activities to over 150 students each year. Centro Campesino empowers families and strengthens communities by providing affordable housing, homeownership support, educational opportunities and emergency disaster assistance. We envision a thriving community that leverages diversity and collaboration to create a pathway to economic opportunity. We thank you and appreciate all the support you offer to our community!

*Barbara Cesar, Director of Education*



### Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe

Thank you for your generous support of the Monroe Early Childhood Conference & Resiliency Summit. More than 100 childcare providers will participate and be provided high-quality professional development which impacts their ability to provide quality early education for young children and their families across the Keys. Topics include safety and security, social emotional development and best practices. **Thanks to you, fifty teachers from the Upper Keys will receive conference registration scholarships enabling them to attend at no cost and each participant will receive classroom materials to take back for use in their classrooms.** Ocean Reef's continued support is making a real difference in the lives of early childhood educators, directors, children and families. -

*Kerry M. Allen, M. A., Grants Administrator*



### Faith Fellowship School

Faith Fellowship School thanks Ocean Reef Community Foundation for your generous support for the purchase of a commercial stove and refrigerator, as well as a new pavilion for our shop classes, for our life and job training skills programs which will give our special needs students the practical tools they will need for life.

*Pastor Vinnie Kelso*

### Domestic Abuse Shelter



**Thank you for making our youth-care provider and youth education events possible!** Training professionals is important to ensure that individuals working with Domestic Violence survivors work from a similar, empowerment-based, trauma-informed service model. This ensures services are provided in a non-victim blaming way, understanding that trauma is part of their story, maximizing the survivor's ability to live safely. The second track is for our community's youth population. Prevention is the key

to social change and providing information on Healthy Relationships and Dating Violence not only keeps them safe in their current relationships, but creates a generational movement toward social change.

*Sherrie Schwas, Executive Director*



### Down South Xtreme Sports

**With your contribution we were able to launch our Fit to Lead Program, which combines tutoring, sports development, and competitive athletics with a holistic emphasis on developing fit bodies and confident characters.**

Fit to Lead cultivates student athletes by utilizing track & field, baseball, and tutoring services as a means in keeping young people on track and performing better in school. Services are held year round and heavily in the summer to keep our youth engaged in positive activities versus left alone to mischief. Together we are making a difference in so many lives!

*Leticia Joseph, President*





### Feeding South Florida

Feeding South Florida is extremely grateful for the support of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for our work in the Keys and South Dade. Good health and proper nutrition in the earliest years of life lay the groundwork for well-being into adulthood. The generosity of the Foundation provided weekly Backpack distributions to 210 children each month, so they don't go hungry over the weekend, and helped to launch South Dade's first FSF School Pantry to provide a consistent and reliable source of fresh and shelf stable food for students and their families.

Sari Vatske, Executive Vice President

### Florida Impact

At Florida Impact, we are pleased to be partnering with the Monroe County School District to roll out alternative breakfast pilots at Key Largo School and Coral Shores High School. Mobile "grab-'n-go" carts and breakfast in the classroom enable kids to avoid long cafeteria lines and other barriers to getting that morning nutrition so important for student performance and well-being. We applaud the school district and principals at these schools for supporting innovative ways to ensure that hunger is not a barrier to student success, and for wisely making use of available federal child nutrition support to do so.



Trudy Novicki, President/CEO

### Greater Miami Youth for Christ

"Live Here. Lead Here." These four words embody our student and indigenous leadership philosophy. At our KIX program, thanks to the Ocean Reef Community, we were able to shape raw leadership talent in over 100 students into useful skills and strengthened character. In addition to offering homework help, civic literacy, and mentoring to all middle and high school youth, we used funds to start Leadership University, a series of courses for youth focused on explicitly teaching leadership skills and components. The cornerstone of our program continues to be the importance of close mentoring relationships. Mentors are living monuments to youth that they, too, can succeed and rise above negative pressures and influences in their community, and we could not hire them without the help of the Foundation. We thank Ocean Reef for partnering with us to do the difficult but rewarding work of changing neighborhoods from within.

Stacy Morales, KIX Ministry Director



### Florida Keys Children's Shelter

The new artificial turf has brought our outside gym to life! It's so convenient for the kids to exercise right here in our backyard. Whenever the 'stress monster' comes around, we get past it by working out, surrounded by a serene green space that will be here for years to come.



Like our residents, the day students at the new Monroe County school here love to get out of the classroom. Fresh air and exercise are so important. Thank you, Ocean Reef members. **You are helping build confidence and strength - physical and emotional-for youth going through tough times.**

*Sebastian Rivera, Recreation Coach*

### Florida Keys Wild Bird Center

All of our staff at the Florida Keys Wild Bird Center sincerely thanks everyone at the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for allowing us to rebuild our sanctuary boardwalk. The sanctuary is home to over 100 birds that are in need of care and we see about 35,000 visitors annually. Our boardwalk allows our visitors to safely walk through our enclosures and was in desperate need of repair. This funding has provided the material to rebuild parts of the boardwalk that have shown signs of wear and will provide safe passage for the thousands of visitors we see. On behalf of our Board, Staff, and Interns, I say

thank you for your continued support of our mission to Rescue, Rehabilitate and Release native and migratory birds.

*Rob Bulkiewicz, Executive Director*



### Florida Keys Community College

Scholarship students at Florida Keys Community College send a huge "Thank You" to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for the generous donation and support of higher education in the Upper Keys. **The Foundation's support provided "Game Changer" scholarship students with a real opportunity to pursue their goal of higher education.** Many of these students did not believe that going to college would be a viable option. This support changed their lives. With a new FKCC Center in Key Largo on the near horizon, this support is crucial to expand higher education in the Upper Keys!

*Dr. Frank Wood, Vice President of Advancement*

### Florida Keys Foster Adoptive Parents Association

With your gift, FKFAPA was able to provide foster families resources to help offset child care related costs, which multiplied after Hurricane Irma. Our Mobile kids' closet travels throughout the Keys storing and distributing donations. We support \$25 birthday day gift cards, diapers, costs related to high school graduation and other needs as they come up, as well as training for our members. Our membership has grown and our ability to retain foster parents has improved greatly. The Ocean Reef community's gift has touched the lives of many and presented those lives with opportunities that will make for a better world for all of us.



*Richard Puente, Vice Chair*

### Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition

On behalf of pregnant women and families with small children I would like to thank the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for believing in and supporting the expansion of our programs. **Through your generosity we have assisted to date over 132 families with safety education and equipment and 47 families have attended one or more of our Tot Time groups accessing child development education along with mental health support.** By providing safety equipment, education, and support the ORCF has ensured the community's youngest are born healthy to parents prepared to keep them safe and help them thrive.

*Arianna Nesbitt, CEO*



### Good Hope Equestrian Training Center

Thanks to the benevolence of the 2018 ORCF grant, GHETC continues to enhance the lives of individuals with varying abilities using the healing properties of the horse.

Beneficiaries include children and youth with physical, developmental and emotional disabilities. To all, life looks brighter on horseback where the power and warmth of their equine partner attributes physical benefits (i.e., muscle tone, balance/coordination improvement) while offering a sense of freedom and equality. Astride the equine, self-esteem soars as riders learn and master new skills, develop friendships, and engage in fun, recreational experiences.

*Margaret Bass, Ph.D, Executive Director*

### Greater Miami Youth Symphony

Thank you Ocean Reef Foundation! Your wonderful gift to the Greater Miami Youth Symphony helped over 50 underserved students in the Homestead and Florida City area gain access and pathway into music! Students participated in three locations of Homestead in Miami Community Charter School for Beginning Band, Florida City Elementary for Beginning Violin and the ARC of Homestead for students with special needs to learn piano. **The impact of this gift has not only opened music access to a new area of our community, but a space where students can learn and grow music, social and emotional skills.**



*Daniela Santana, Director of Operations*

### Institute of Child & Family Health

Thank you to Ocean Reef Community Foundation for selecting us as a recipient of funding for our Sibling Prevention Program. This will allow us to serve more families facing adversity who may otherwise not get the needed help. **Your support enables us to identify siblings of children who have become involved with the police/juvenile services.** We guide them, explore and implement supportive services that build strength, insight and resilience; we remove barriers and encourage alternatives to delinquency. We are committed to help these children succeed and break the cycle of crime. Your support is invaluable.

*Annette Naranjo, Director of At-Risk Youth Programs*





### Jacobs Aquatic Center

Your generous grant to repair the children's play area at Jacobs Aquatic Center has proven to be one of the most significant grants we have received and is sincerely appreciated by the community. The children's area is the single most popular part of our facility. Since its inception over 16 years ago, over 400,000 children and adults have enjoyed its safe, fun filled activities. When damage from Hurricane Irma aggravated the existing problems, we anguished over its age and disrepair. The renovated area has met with rave reviews and we are totally thrilled with the completed product. This would not have been possible without the Ocean Reef Community Foundation! We look with great pride and privilege to be a part of your thoughtfulness, generosity and sense of community. Speaking for the community, thank you so very much.

*James J. Boilini, President*



### Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys



Recently a large crowd gathered on a beautiful Keys evening to witness the official ground breaking ceremony of Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys Windley Point project. This will represent the largest Habitat build in Monroe County and it could not come at a better time with the enormous shortage of affordable housing for Keys workers. The 16 unit multi-family project will feature 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, concrete stilt construction, impact doors/windows, and metal roofs. Thank you Ocean Reef for supporting our mission to offer affordable home ownership in the Upper Keys.

*Jack Niedbalski, Executive Director*

### Mexican-American Council

The Youth of the MAC College and Career Readiness Program THANK YOU! Through the generous support of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, the Mexican-American Council is able to provide college and career readiness preparation guidance for eighty-five high school farmworker students after school. Activities include homework assistance, tutoring, career exploration days, summer internships, ACT/SAT preparation courses, and college readiness workshops.



With OCRF's support, seventeen graduating seniors, "MAC Scholars," were able to successfully enroll to a college or university and obtain a two-year scholarship to continue their post-secondary education in fields such as aerospace engineering, biomedical science, communications, business administration, and speech pathology for a brighter future.

*Edward C. Garza, CEO*

KEY LARGO SCHOOL

AVID Professional Development & Class Trips

Wow! Attending the summer institute gave me a whole new perspective on how I could effectively incorporate AVID college prep strategies in the language classroom. I was able to take the information, strategies, and tips from the training and immediately implement in my Spanish class. Collaboration is an important aspect of student engagement in the language classroom and by attending the AVID institute I was able to learn fun and engaging collaborative activities that my students really LOVE! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to get more teachers trained. *Deb Ward, Teacher*

AVID is my school family. The trips we get to go on show us the different jobs we can have after college. The Ropes Course at FIU was a fun way to help build our family and see new careers. *7th grade AVID Student*



Learning through the Arts

We had so much fun on the field trip to see the live performance of Rock Odyssey. It was awesome! I love the music. Thank you for letting us go. *5th Grade Student*



Summer Recreation

Summer Rec is wonderful for many reasons! We love to see the kids coming in during the summer. They get to have free breakfast and free lunch while they are here, so we know they aren't going hungry. This program also lets us get to know the kids in a new way, outside of the strictly academic sense. The staff provide a learning environment that is much more relaxed and 'out of the box.' They get to try new things and make new friends. New mentorships are formed that last into the future. *Laura Lietaert, Principal*



Therapeutic Rewards Trips

My class is really looking forward to earning these trips. We are already working our way towards the first one. *Priscilla Johnson, Teacher*

Elementary Art

On behalf of my students, we would like to thank you all for your very generous donation to our Elementary Art program. Your funding provides materials that enrich the students' art experience every time they enter the classroom. I have 500 students ages 5-12 moving through my room weekly. That is a lot of consumable materials such as paper, paint, clay, and glaze; but it is also a lot of wear and tear on the tools that we use especially paint brushes. *Kimberly Walwer, Teacher*





### Kristi House

Kristi House's ACT Program is all about Addressing Child Trauma by providing prevention education and training to child-serving professionals and adults in Homestead. **ORCF funds enabled us to develop a program geared to prevent and address the trauma that children—and adults—often experience around hurricanes.** "Supporting Families through Hurricane Trauma," is being delivered to community groups to provide emotional support to children before, during and after the storm. In addition, mainstay Kristi House courses about preventing child trauma from sexual abuse, sex trafficking and bullying are being provided to schools, businesses and community organizations, thanks to ORCF support.

*Claudia C. Kitchens, CEO*

### MAST Academy

With the generosity of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, MAST Academy in Homestead will be able to conduct patient care experience and research through advanced technology with a state of the art simulation teaching and research lab. The Saber Hospital ward will benefit and impact over 700 students in all four medical academies. With the grant, we plan on adding additional simulation software and equipment to provide unparalleled opportunities to learn under various real-life, real-time scenarios and settings, from emergency/trauma response to clinical vital check-ups, to surgical procedures and more. This generous grant will also enable us to include hospital ward aesthetics such as curtains and work stations. We are truly grateful for the grant and the opportunities that it will provide for our future health professionals.

*Lema Gilliard, Academy Lead Teacher*



### Keys AHEC

The Keys AHEC Health Centers at Key Largo and Coral Shores Schools provided 14,928 services through 2,918 student visits during the 2017-18 school year. A special thanks to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for supporting the primary care medical program. Recently, we provided dental care to children of the Upper Keys giving all 2nd and 7th Graders access to dental sealants. For some children this was the first time ever seeing a dentist. **All medical, oral health and health education programming were able to remain in place post Hurricane Irma due to the generosity of the Ocean Reef Community.**



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*Michael Cunningham, CEO*

### New Hope CORPS

**New Hope CORPS thanks the Ocean Reef community for your incredible support making it possible to equip our housing facilities with an emergency electrical generator system.**

New Hope CORPS houses homeless or indigent substance-abusing and behaviorally challenged men, including a large number of U.S. Veterans referred by, and case managed through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The goal of our program is to return these long-suffering individuals to society with jobs, drug and alcohol free, with established permanent housing and a plan for the future. Partnering with the Ocean Reef Community Foundation makes these dreams come true.

*Maritza Carvajal, MBA, MCAP, CCMS, FM, Quality Assurance Coordinator*



**Miami Lighthouse for the Blind**



To date, our Florida Heiken Children’s Vision Program has collected over 800 parental consent forms for children enrolled in 34 schools and summer camps located in Homestead and 368 eye examinations with dilation have already occurred, with additional visits of our mobile eye clinics being scheduled on an ongoing basis. **We are confident that we will achieve our goal of 830 eye examinations, partially supported by the Ocean Reef Foundation.** ‘Providing free screenings, exams and eyeglasses, at no cost to the student’s family is definitely a blessing,’ according to a letter we recently received from childcare providers in Homestead. We look forward to reporting on the successful completion of our vital eye wellness program for disadvantaged schoolchildren in Homestead and the Florida Keys.

*Virginia Jacko, President/CEO*

**Motivational Edge**



On behalf of the Motivational Edge, we say **THANK YOU** to The Ocean Reef Community Foundation and their generous grant which has allowed us to provide services to over a hundred male juvenile offenders in a Florida City Facility and youth at Chapman Partnership.

Through platforms such as music, art and dance, youth have been provided a therapeutic arts outlet that has fostered life skills in youth needed to give them the edge to reach their potential! Male Juvenile Offenders have pursued careers in various fields such as education and boxing after graduating from the program.

*Erick Guerra, Programs Manager.*

**MUJER**

MUJER is a cloister of possibility and hope, where healing of deep wounds inflicted by domestic and sexual violence is within reach. We change their language of pain and reckoning into growth and connection. Our respect of their individuality facilitates an environment free of shame. Clients entrust the counseling process, sharing their innermost thoughts and feelings openly; bringing balance and stability to their distress. Our children’s support groups normalize their reactions, emphasizing that they are having a normal reaction to abnormal events. Thank you Ocean Reef Community Foundation for your long-term contributions and commitment to MUJER and our community. Together we make the world a better place.

*Susan Rubio Rivera, Executive Director*



Before I started coming to MUJER, I felt that there was too many things that got in my way of being “me”. Since I started coming, I have learned how to share my emotions. I feel strong and happy. I feel that I can do anything I set out to do.” **Thank you ORCF for investing in me!**

*Abbi*

My daughter, Abbi, has learned how to express and share her feelings so much that now she has become an advocate for MUJER. She encourages other children to seek help.

*Abbi’s Mom*



### OR USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 13-04

The grant received by the USCG Auxiliary, Ocean Reef Flotilla, has been utilized to support the maintenance of our facility boat, the *BF Wells*. The Flotilla has the unique task of working with Air Station Miami in night operations to act as the disabled vessel so that the USCG helicopter personnel can practice placing a rescue basket and also a rescue swimmer on the *Wells*, as would be the case in a real rescue. **Our grant also supports the number one goal of the USCG AUX, which is to promote boating safety.**

*Peter Liashek Jr. DDS, Flotilla Commander*

### OR Volunteer Fire Department

The Ocean Reef Community Foundation has again helped meet a need within our Community; as for years there has been a concern for the effective response to fires of vessels and docks. This year the grant allowed Public Safety to purchase two "Floto-Pumps" (floating pumps to extinguish fires). Having these resources allowed our team to partner with the Coast Guard Auxiliary and cross train members for expedient responses to boat fires. This is a huge asset, as Ocean Reef is surrounded by water, docks and boats. Thank you for allowing for this tool to best protect our community.

*Sgt. Kevin Hulse*



## PATCHES



PATCHES, our parents and children send a big thank you to Ocean Reef Community Foundation for granting our wish and funding a brand new, specially outfitted state-of-the-art bus. **The ORCF bus transports medically complex children to and from their homes to PATCHES daily, to receive their nursing care, therapies and also to get to doctor visits with PATCHES' nurses.**

This service makes a critical difference in the lives of working parents for whom caring for a medically complex child without transportation, is simply overwhelming. The ORCF bus lessens the parents' burden, ensures continuity of care and maximizes the children's opportunity to heal and grow. Thank you ORCF!

*Kyle Smith, CEO/President  
Joanie Ippolito, CO-CEO/VP*



**Paramount Dance**

ORCF support made it possible for us to convene dance training for students of all ethnic, economic, and geographic backgrounds, by providing 20 partial scholarship opportunities to our dancers. With your help, we provided adolescents with opportunities to compete locally and nationally, as well as partake in our outreach programs to ensure individual growth and achievement. We are filled with gratitude for the support from Ocean Reef Community Foundation! Watching our students' tremendous growth throughout the year is a gift. Academically and athletically they thrive more each year thanks to ORCF generous support. We are forever grateful!

*Ashley Beckno, Executive Director*

**ProjectArt**

On behalf of ProjectArt Miami we want to thank you for your inestimable support of our Homestead Branch Library art program. **Because of your gift this year, 45 local youth were provided hands-on arts learning after school.**

Our Resident Artist, Blair Butterfield, led lesson plans rooted in identity, community and heritage. Our participating Homestead students saw incredible results with 81% stating that their self-esteem had increased due to our classes, 91% declaring that art is an important part of their life, 87% saying they have made lasting friendships through ProjectArt



classes, and 93% stating they feel better able to express their thoughts and feelings.

*Charity Von Guinness, Miami Director*

**Reef Environmental Education Foundation**

Through REEF's Nature Days program, children from the Florida Keys and Homestead children's shelters were able to interact with the marine environment. Activities included squid dissections, dolphin interactions, snorkeling, boating, hiking, and kayaking! For some students, the program provided their first experience on a boat. Many students spoke of one day wanting to work with marine animals. Their excitement for days spent outdoors and on the water was inspiring. **REEF is proud of this partnership with the Florida Keys Children's Shelter, and thankful for the support of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation who made this program possible.**



*Ellie Splain, Education Program Manager*

**South Dade Child Development Center**

Providing children with a quality education is the top priority at SDCDC, and we recently started exploring the Two-Generational Approach which focuses on helping the families as a whole. We found out that 52% of our families had a great need to become self-sufficient and could become more successful with a GED diploma to increase their family's income and break the cycle of Poverty. **Thanks to Ocean Reef we have the funding necessary to offer complete GED courses in partnership with Miami Dade College.** The parents are able to attend classes while their children are in school and now feel they have hope for their future! And the GED diploma is only the start, these same families will now be students of Miami Dade College and perhaps earn higher degrees in the future.

*Evelyn Molina, Regional Director*



South Florida Science Center & Aquarium



Funding from the Ocean Reef Community Foundation changes lives forever. Through our Science Passport program the South Florida Science Center is able to bring high tech science equipment and experiments directly into the classrooms of the most at-risk youth in Homestead, Florida City and the Upper Keys. We work with children who would never see these concepts and ensure they have equal opportunities to learn and grow. We have seen lives changed and stereotypes broken on who can succeed at science. **We thank the Foundation for allowing us to “open every mind to science” and for forever changing the course of so many lives.**

Kate Arrizza, CEO

Redlands Christian Migrant Association



We at RCMA are so incredibly grateful to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation! **This most recent contribution allowed us to build two access ramps at the Fernando Pro Junior Child Development Center in Florida City.** One ramp was installed to allow wheelchair access to the preschool playground. The second was installed at the back exit to the infants’ and toddlers’ rooms. This vital safety feature will allow us to quickly evacuate the children in cribs. We

hope to never use it other than during drills but it is comforting to know that in an emergency, everyone will get out safely.

Guadalupe Leal, Florida City Coordinator

Star of the Sea Outreach Mission

**Generous support from the Ocean Reef Community Foundation enables SOS to distribute thousands of pounds of food and fresh produce to Upper Keys families each week.** The SOS Pantry at St. Justin’s serves some of the most vulnerable populations in North Key Largo, including the children and families at St. Justin’s Preschool. With ORCF support SOS is able to help ensure that the 3,000 unduplicated individuals we serve throughout the Upper Keys not only have access to nutritious foods but also can continue to afford to live in Monroe County. Funding from the ORCF is pivotal to SOS’s impact in the Upper Keys. Thank you, Ocean Reef!



Emily Nixon, Deputy Director

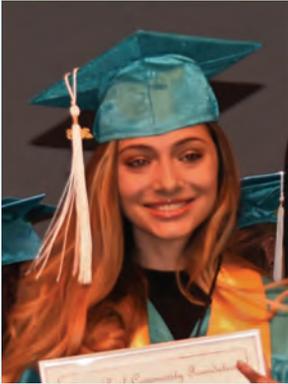
St. Justin Martyr Preschool

The staff and children at St. Justin Martyr Preschool are so grateful for the new flooring throughout the preschool thanks to the most generous support of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation. The new flooring replaced 50 year old linoleum, and it has truly transformed our classroom environments. With how much time preschoolers spend playing on the floor, we are so thankful to now have safe and healthy play areas for our students. Thank you, Ocean Reef Community Foundation!

Kim Ellis, Preschool Director



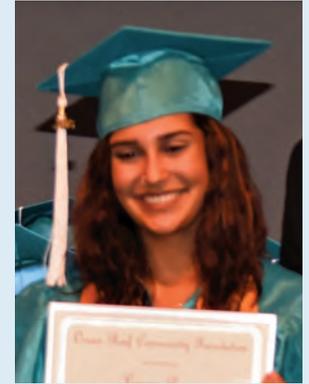
Take Stock in Children



Milaydis Cruz



Sofia Gonzalez



Lorena Perez

Take Stock in Children Monroe is extremely grateful for the continued generous support from the Ocean Reef Community Foundation. Your grant allowed our foundation to recognize three ORCF 2018 Named Scholars: Milaydis Cruz attending University of Florida; Sofia Gonzalez attending University of Florida; and Lorena Perez attending University of South Florida. **The ORCF grant funding made it possible for the Monroe County Education Foundation to purchase state-matched Florida Prepaid College Foundation 2+2 tuition scholarships and 2-year dormitory plans for deserving Upper Keys Take Stock in Children scholars.** When combined, these two scholarships cover a majority of college expenses enabling our scholars to earn a college degree or industry certification tuition debt-free. Thank you for your continued support of our award winning scholarship, mentorship program that changes lives of deserving Upper Keys TSIC scholars in Monroe County!

Chuck Licis, Executive Director

START OFF SMART/HOMESTEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT

SOS/HPD Community Policing Initiative

The Community Policing funding through ORCF provides the opportunity for law enforcement to actively engage with youth, parents and community stakeholders in order to facilitate a crime prevention initiative that all entities can take part in at numerous events throughout the year. We could not conduct these community events, which engage and promote law enforcement and resident interaction, without the support of ORCF, we are forever thankful for your support!

SOS/HPD PAL Youth Directors

The Homestead Police Athletic League has engaged 50 youth to participate in the design, planting and harvesting of a Community Garden Business Project. Many partners have joined the project for the 1000 square foot garden. The Homestead Middle School agricultural program and local farmers will participate and contribute expertise. The youth are working with them and local agricultural businesses on the budgeting, marketing and sustainability of the project. We hope to begin the harvest during the holidays. The youth will also continue to participate in other community service projects in addition to the garden. **The Homestead Police Athletic League is grateful to the ORCF for believing in our youth and providing them the opportunity to actively participate in this business and STEM endeavor.**



SOS/HPD Recruit Training

In August the Homestead Police Department added one new police recruit! **Officer B. Ramirez was trained through funding provided by ORCF.** The Homestead Police Department is in need of 60 new officers (as per population ratio) but currently does not have the funding to train new recruits. Being under staffed has not deterred our commitment to crime reduction, as crime is down 26% within the City of Homestead. The addition of this officer will assist in the continued reduction of crime within the city and surrounding communities. We are grateful to ORCF for their continued support of law enforcement and their commitment to partner with the Homestead Police Department in order to work together to reduce crime

Sandi Nanni, SOS Executive Director





### Touching Miami with Love

Our ten students supported by ORCF had 35 hours of training and did a fantastic job as they each worked 150 hours in our children's programming this summer. The students gained skills and learned how to succeed as employees by meeting job expectations, getting along with others on the job and handling correction. These skills not only helped create a great team of leaders at TML this summer but also prepared them for successful future employment elsewhere. The youth grew tremendously through this opportunity and they are outstanding role models for the younger kids

*Angel Pittman, Assistant Direct*

### TIPS/Florida Keys Youth Basketball League

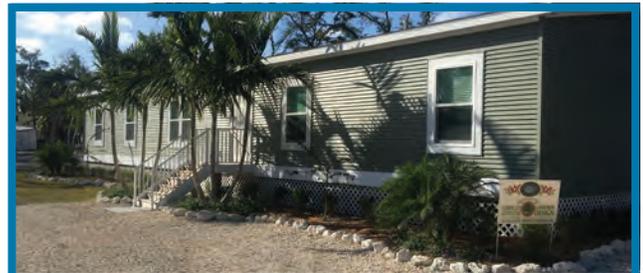


For some, sports can be an escape from 'real life.' However, for so many more, sports is not an escape, but rather it is woven into the fabric of their lives. The Florida Keys Youth Basketball League recognizes this, and takes that responsibility to heart. Through the game of basketball, FKYBL, has been able to provide over 200 local children with instruction, mentoring, and life lessons.

**Thanks to the generous support of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, that instruction will**

**be able to connect even more children with the game so many love, and provide quality instruction to last a lifetime.** Thank you Ocean Reef Community Foundation for helping make this dream a reality.

*Melissa O'Keeffe, Commissioner*



### Voices for Florida Keys Children

The grant Ocean Reef provided helped with the brick and mortar construction of a new home to house displaced children from the Guardian Ad Litem program. The foster family is able to take in 5 children from the Keys community and provide them with a safe, stable, family environment. We have over 200 children in the Keys in the Guardian program. This is the second home for foster children, they are both located in Key Largo. Thank you to ORCF for your continued support over the years!

*Debbie Pierog and Tom Woods, Co-Presidents*

### System Miami

System Miami would like to thank Ocean Reef for your generous support in helping us tackle the challenging issues concerning our youth in the Homestead/Florida City. **With your kind contribution, our vision to provide academic enrichment while interrupting risky behaviors among at-risk youth is well underway.** Now, our tutoring program is better equipped in meeting each individual's needs in both reading and math. Your support truly made a real difference in the lives of children we serve. Thanks to you, we can serve more kids, offer a variety of different sports, and expose them to fun and educational environments outside of their neighborhoods. Your support is greatly appreciated as we strive to make a difference within the communities we serve!

*David Watson, CEO*



YMCA OF SOUTH FLORIDA

**Y Drowning Prevention Program for Le Jardin Preschools**

I am a lifeguard and swim instructor at the Homestead YMCA. Every time I teach a child how to swim I am extremely gratified to know that I have had a positive effect on that child and their family and taught them something that they will use for the remainder of their lives. When I found out we would do swim lessons for community partner Le Jardin Pre-schools with the help of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, I was very pleased because I know it helps our local YMCA be a part of something greater, helping others. **The funds that you granted the Y will allow us to teach 480 pre-school children to swim.** WOW, what an impact we will have!

*Tina Cipriani, Swim Instructor & Lifeguard*



**Homestead Afterschool Scholarships**

As a full time working mom, I'm unable to be there for my children after school. With the Y program, my children are dropped off at school in the mornings and are picked up after school without the worry of them making it safely to another facility on their own. **My children are very involved in after school activities and with the Y's homework assistance, I have no need to worry about them finishing homework at night.** The staff is always available to provide great communication and peace of mind. YMCA is responsive, affordable with scholarships, and reliable. Thank you!

*Chalice Rodriguez, Parent*



**YMCA Homestead Summer Camp**

Thank you, Ocean Reef, for your generous contribution towards our Summer Camp program. **Due to your generosity our children were able to have many lasting experiences this summer. Your contribution also allowed our children to visit the incredible, hands on and interactive Frost Science Museum and explore experiences they wouldn't normally get a chance to do such as painting with a real artist.** Again, we can't thank you enough, because of you many children in our community were given the chance to make memories that last a life time!

*Ashley Spence, Camp Counselor*



**YMCA Upper Keys Summer Camp & Afterschool Program**

Thank you for helping 50 of our kids with the opportunity to have a fun, educational, and active time with the Y! Your donation is aiding us as the YMCA, to teach and engage our youths in healthy living and social responsibility. You are helping us impact our children's lives and push for a positive future. As the Upper Keys Director, I especially appreciate your contributions to connect our community with the YMCA. **We have had a tenuous past year with Hurricane Irma, however; now with your help we are growing and improving more to aid the children and families in need of our services.** Thank you so much!

*Kim Kelly, Upper Keys Director*





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## Our Mission

The Ocean Reef Community Foundation is an independent, charitable and not-for-profit organization established to promote and enhance responsible and effective philanthropy in our community.

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Tom Davidson, Sr., Vice President of the Foundation, who was instrumental in coordinating the logistics of the donation noted, "As Ocean Reef has developed over the past fifty years, we have less and less open space and, particularly space with expansive views of our surrounding waters. The Greenberg's generous donation is special not just because of its size but in its creation of such open space."

The donation closed on December 15, 2017 and was guided by Russ Post on behalf of the Greenbergs. Russ added, "In light of the Greenberg's generosity, we have also donated our real estate commission to the Foundation."

Working through the details of this donation has the collateral benefit of providing a template for similar donations. A tax-deductible contribution of real estate, such as these residential lots for the benefit of the community, is a great way to minimize compaction as well as simply preserving views that will enhance the value of surrounding residences.

The Foundation would like to recognize and again thank Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg for their generosity and support of the Ocean Reef community. This is sure to be an amenity treasured by many for generations to come.

## Progress at the Park



## Time and the IRS are not known for their flexibility, but we are ...



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**See Fund Benefits, Handbook and New Investment Options at [www.orfound.org](http://www.orfound.org).**

## 2018-2019 Charity Tours

Friday, January 11 • Upper Keys

Friday, February 1 • Homestead/Florida City

Depart the Ocean Reef Cultural Center at 8:30 a.m., return by 12:30 p.m. (space is limited and pre-registration required).

Join us to see your donations at work and to provide feedback vital to decisions on the next year's grants!

Please call 305-367-4707 to reserve your seat and for more information.