

As You Enjoy Your Summer Adventures, Please Keep All Charities Weekend in Mind



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A favor, while you're out and about this summer: **Please consider what you can donate NOW** to ensure the success of the Silent and Live Auctions to be held All Charities Weekend (ACW), **Feb. 2 – 4, 2024**. (Yes, that's *earlier than the event has ever been*).

What are you up to today? This week? This month? Are you having fun? Might it be "auction worthy"? Be creative. Let your imagination run wild. Open your mind and heart to innovative ideas and offerings. **Then, when inspiration strikes, don't wait:** Call the All Charities office at 305-367-5996, the staff is there to help breathe life into your brainchild.

Through the years, wonderful items and unique Member-curated experiences have helped the Ocean Reef Community Foundation (ORCF) foster miracles. Please consider how you can help keep the miracles coming.

As a Member of the Ocean Reef community, each of us has the power to positively impact the lives of our neighbors in Key Largo, Homestead and Florida City as well as support and strengthen the non-profit entities vital to our "unique way of life" here on The Reef: The Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT



Cynthia Weglarz donated a four-night stay in her beautiful Lake Michigan Beach House in 2019.

and Conservation Association. ACW is a chance for us to come together and make a difference, and every contribution – no matter how large or small – can help us achieve our goals.

Why is it so important to donate now, long before the deadline? This season's auction catalog will go to press earlier than ever before. Your contributing over the summer will enable ORCF to leverage other contributions and build momentum toward our fundraising goals. It's a powerful and inspiring message to (and example for) others that you believe in the importance of All Charities and that you're willing to take action to support it.

Plus it's a gracious and generous way to allow the All Charities team the breathing room they need to best present and maximize everyone's contributions for the greater good.

Also, please note, **your donation doesn't need physically to arrive in the All Charities office over the summer**, just a complete description and an estimate of when the office can expect it.

Results matter. All Charities has raised over \$63 million since 2008, enabling ORCF to provide financial grants with an emphasis on youth, education, community, and health and family services. Your donations make a real difference. Additionally, ACW's Preferred Partners provide steadfast support through their cash and auction item donations to ensure that the monies raised at the Silent and Live Auctions enable ORCF to give *100 percent of the donations made by Club*

Members to non-profits.

And your participation brings the joy and satisfaction of knowing that you're contributing to something meaningful. So dream. Brainstorm. Imagine possibilities. Make a difference. Act now.

Call the All Charities office (305-367-5996) to share your ideas. Let's have fun by doing good, and let's get after it before the deadline looms (details on items to be included in the



Jan and Jim Loomis hosted 60 guests in April for the Duck Dinner, prepared by Chef Scott Drewno with duck donated by the Jurgielewicz Family.

print catalog will be due before Thanksgiving).

To learn more, visit oceanreefcommunityfoundation.org.

Your support of the All Charities Weekend strengthens entities that enhance Ocean Reef Club's Unique Way of Life and enables the Ocean Reef Community Foundation to provide for thousands in Key Largo, Homestead and Florida City. Call 305-367-5996 to learn more.