

ORCF ISRAEL RELIEF FUND PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN AID

In response to a wave of outreach following the October 7th terrorist attacks, the Ocean Reef Community Foundation Israel Relief Fund was created to provide humanitarian aid to Israel and a conduit for members to stand together with the Jewish community. Within a month of the horrific attacks, \$300,000 in grants had already been distributed to our three non-profit partners and, as we were going to press, a second round of grants totaling \$120,000 went out ahead of the December 7 start of Chanukah.



Greater Miami Jewish Federation - \$300,000

One hundred percent of our first grant of \$200,000 went directly to support their Israel Emergency Fund's broad scope of humanitarian aid efforts including:

- Fund for Victims of Terror, providing grants and critical supplies to individuals and families devastated by the violence
- Emergency medical services, including essential supplies and equipment for first responders and hospitals on the front line
- Evacuation, housing, respite and support for frontline communities under fire
- Trauma relief and psychological care for first responders; the injured; families whose relatives were murdered, injured or abducted; caregivers; and hospital emergency teams
- Support to vulnerable populations, including homebound elderly, young children, people with disabilities and others at risk in the ongoing conflict

An additional grant of \$100,000 went primarily to the Israel Emergency Fund with measured grants designated to support Chanukah initiatives for displaced families.

Continued on page 3

ORCF Chairman Bill Nutt emphasized, "This is certainly about the funding, but it is not all about the funding. It's about saying something loudly of our support for Israel, and finding a meaningful way to benefit those who have been so badly harmed, in spirit as well as physically."

He notes that when there is a crisis outside the scope of our local All Charities effort, such as the disasters in Haiti that touched so many Ocean Reef employee families, the Foundation offers members a thoughtful and effective way to respond as a community. The Foundation is working alongside the interfaith Chapel congregations to coordinate such a response and show support for the local Jewish congregation, who are so deeply personally affected.

The Israel Relief Fund administered by the Foundation Executive Committee benefits the following slate of well-established, expert relief organizations, which may change as needs evolve.



2023-2024 ORCF

Board of Directors

William J. Nutt
Chairman

Alan J. Goldstein
Chairman Emeritus

Steven A. Markel
Vice Chairman

Michael B. Berman
Vice Chairman

Thomas N. Davidson, Sr
Executive Vice President

Janie Sims
Executive Vice President

Stephen G. Woodsum
Executive Vice President

James F. Anderton
Treasurer

Cindy Brammer
Michael Cardone, Jr.

Anthony Esernia
Edmund A. Hajim
Diane Hill

Michael E. Jones

Sarina Kinney

Ed Kramer

Raymond Larkin, Jr.

Cynthia Lee

Cynthia Manzo

Linda Owens

Adelaide Skoglund

Amy Upjohn

Kathy Weiland

Ex Officio Members

Susie Hassett
2024 All Charities
Weekend Co-Chair

Charlie Johnston
Ocean Reef Club Chair

Juan F. Perez
ORCA President

Alex Tonarelli
Ocean Reef Club President

Cathy Totonis
2024 All Charities
Weekend Co-Chair

John Welch
ORCA Chair

DOING WELL AND DOING GOOD



By Bill Nutt, Chairman

Just arriving back from a terrific summer where travel is back on the "To Do" list, it is always such a delight to return to Ocean Reef and marvel at how fortunate we are to have this Club and each other in our

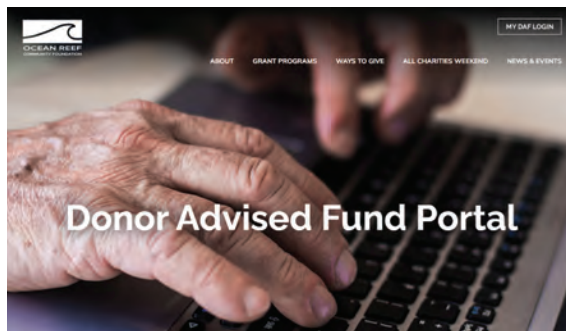
lives. With everything we need just a golf cart ride away, we are ready to settle in for another fun and exciting Season.

Welcome to the Board

As we begin this next season, we look forward to welcoming our newest Board Members for the Foundation: **Michael Cardone, Tony Esernia, Ed Kramer, and Ray Larkin**. Each in their own way has contributed to the growth and development of the Foundation and bring unique perspectives from a wide range of involvement within the Club Community. We are fortunate to add their participation, involvement, and insight to our Board.

New Online Portal for Donor Advised Funds

Over the summer we have been working on the launch of our new online Portal for our Donor Advised Fund Holders. This will be an easy and instant way to see your DAF balance, request grants and receive statements. It does not mean that we are reducing the personalized service that we offer for our DAF holders. On the contrary, it will enhance that service with additional access to real time information for your account. If you do not have a Donor Advised Fund with your Ocean Reef Community Foundation, this is a wonderful time to consider that possibility. Please know that as a special service to the Club Membership, we do not charge any fees to your Donor Advised Fund. This allows 100 percent of your charitable giving to be used the way you intend.



All Charities Weekend EARLY

We have also been preparing for the next All Charities Auction Weekend, which will take place a week earlier than usual – February 2-4 2024 – so be sure to mark your calendars. This is a terrific time to contact our office if you have not participated in the past or are looking to learn more about our Trustee Program as a way to get more involved. We can always use one more donation to the live or silent auction, perhaps that case of wine that you have been holding that you are now pretty sure you are not going to get around to drinking anytime soon. We have a good selection of donated artwork, and we are always looking for a stay in a private home in exotic locations around the world. These do very well in our auction and are especially valued by other Members when they know it is the home of another Member.

As you know, our All Charities events effort support so much of what we are able to do for others in our surrounding communities where the families of our Club and ORCA Associates live. It is also these same communities that the many contractors and Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce members live as well. Knowing we are enhancing their lives, while at the same time helping to fund our very own Ocean Reef non-profit organizations, makes the All Charities effort the only fundraising initiative we require. From the Medical Center, Cultural Center and Art League to the Academy, ORCAT and Ocean Reef Conservation Association, we relish in the convenience and world-class service we can access right around the corner.

We have each been very fortunate in our lives to have done WELL. Now this is our delight to use those resources to do GOOD. I look forward to seeing you at this year's All Charities Auction Weekend and the many other Ocean Reef Club activities this season.

VOLUNTEERS TURN OUT IN FORCE FOR ON-PROPERTY "PACKING" EVENT

Dozens of Ocean Reef members came together for a Foundation Community Engagement volunteer project held right here at the Ocean Reef Cultural Center last March. Volunteers came out in force to donate items and efficiently fill 150 bags full of personal hygiene products for local families in need in no time! This project benefitted our Community Grant recipient partner Star of the Sea (SOS)'s Upper Keys Hunger Relief Program, which makes recovered fresh food and supplemental shelf-stable items available to clients of the food pantry at St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church at Mile Marker 106 on a weekly basis. Thanks to all who participated!



ORCF Israel Relief Fund continued from page 1

The Isaiah Projects - \$85,000

This organization is working directly on the frontlines in Israel and is run by friend of the Ocean Reef Chapel, and founder of the Center for Jewish-Christian Understanding and Cooperation, David Nakrutman. Our first grant of \$75,000 is helping to rebuild the lives of the survivors of Kibbutz Be'eri, a community which suffered more than 100 brutal murders and untold hostages taken. The houses on the compound were burned and have severe structural damage from grenades and artillery, leaving the families with nothing. The Isaiah Projects is helping to supply household necessities for more than 100 displaced families, including 350 children.

An additional grant of \$10,000 was made ahead of Chanukah, with half going to fund efforts to uplift families with parents who are away serving in the military on the front lines of the war during the holiday.

American Friends of Magen David Adom - \$35,000

Two grants totaling \$35,000 went to support the MDA, the Israeli equivalent of the Red Cross, which operates blood drives, manages the blood supply for hospitals treating the injured and supports medical first responders providing lifesaving treatment 24 hours a day. They also are responding to the increased need for tested and processed breast milk for babies whose mothers have been killed, injured, kidnapped, or called to IDF reserve duty.

To make a tax-deductible donation to support the Israel Relief Fund, please mail your check made payable to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation with "Israel" in the memo line to 35 Ocean Reef Drive, Ste. 148, Key Largo, FL 33037.

For more information and/or to make a donation from your ORCF Donor Advised Fund, please contact the Foundation at 305-367-4707 or ymikolay@oceanreef.com.





*Thank you to the
2023 Event Co-Chairs*



**Kelly Hertzman, Anne Marie Peretz,
and Barbara Olcott**

*Welcome to the
2024 Event Co-Chairs*



**Susie Misini-Hassett
and Cathy Totonis**

2024 PREVIEW

All Charities Weekend

Online bidding starts
Friday, January 26 at bidORC.org

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Opening Night Wine Tasting & Bourbon Tasting
Silent Auction Showcase
OpuLLence by Lester Lampert Jewellers
4 – 7 p.m. | Carysfort Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Silent Auction Showcase
OpuLLence by Lester Lampert Jewellers
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Carysfort Hall

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

Burgers, Beers & Bidding
Noon – 2 p.m. | Carysfort Hall

All Charities Gala

TICKETS ARE LIMITED

Cocktails and Silent Auction
OpuLLence by Lester Lampert Jewellers
5:30 p.m. | Carysfort Hall

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Silent Auction Item Pick Up
OpuLLence by Lester Lampert Jewellers
9 a.m.–2 p.m. | Carysfort Hall

oceanreefcommunityfoundation.org
allcharities@oceanreef.com

2023 ALL CHARITIES EFFORT REPORT

In tribute to the legacy of our past All Charities Weekend Chairs and the unwavering generosity of our membership, our 2023 All Charities Weekend theme “Honoring the Past, Building for the Future” was dedicated to celebrating the remarkable spirit of philanthropy that defines our community. This spirit was exemplified through the unprecedented distribution to our non-profit recipient partners and through significant donations to the Foundation’s Community Grants Fund, allowing for a record-breaking \$2,000,000 in grants going outside the gates. Our thanks to our 2023 committee chairs – **Kelly Hertzman**, **Barbara Olcott**, and **Anne Marie Peretz** – who successfully led the charge to not only honor the past, but to also pave the way for a brighter future both at Ocean Reef and in our surrounding communities.

All Charities Recipient Partners	All Charities Weekend 2023	All Charities Fund Gifts via Club Dues	All Charities 2023 Total	2008-2023 16-Year Total
Ocean Reef Medical Center Foundation	\$1,409,698	\$309,651	\$1,719,349	\$15,914,691
Ocean Reef Cultural Center	\$716,301	\$233,699	\$950,000	\$11,603,201
Academy at Ocean Reef	\$629,644	\$151,904	\$781,549	\$7,816,361
Ocean Reef Art League	\$314,822	\$75,952	\$390,774	\$4,189,003
Ocean Reef Conservation Association	\$314,822	\$75,952	\$390,774	\$4,183,582
ORCAT	\$97,651	\$17,527	\$115,179	\$1,032,183
Ocean Reef Community Foundation				
Community Grants Program	\$1,385,480	\$303,809	\$1,689,289	\$15,806,888
Special Projects				
Future Special Projects/Impact Fund	\$550,000		\$550,000	\$2,051,667
Chapel Fellowship Center	\$350,000		\$350,000	\$700,000
Special Projects: Baptist Hospital Helipad				\$500,000
TOTALS	\$5,768,419	\$1,168,496	\$6,936,915	\$63,797,576



All Charities Recipient Partners

Standing (left to right): Ocean Reef Art League Vice President Betsy Chinnici, ORCAT Veterinarian Dr. Lora Cummings, Ocean Reef Cultural Center President John Hunt, ORCAT Chair Luisa Bryant, Medical Center at Ocean Reef CEO Keith Young, Ocean Reef Art League Treasurer Linda Kaplan.

Seated (left to right): Ocean Reef Community Foundation President & CEO Richard Weinstein, Ocean Reef Conservation Association Chairman Jack Salisbury, Ocean Reef Cultural Center Chairman Tom Schievelbein and Academy at Ocean Reef Head of School Jerome Murphy

ORCF 2023 OFF REEF COMMUNITY GRANTS TOP \$2 MILLION

Thanks to the Ocean Reef community's generosity, the Ocean Reef Community Foundation's annual grants program provided more than \$2 million in funding to charities outside the gate for the first time. Support for the annual "Off Reef" grants first topped \$1 million in 2017 and jumped to more than \$1.5 million for the first time in 2021, just two years ago.

According to Grants Committee Chair Janie Sims, "This new record reflects the outstanding philanthropic spirit of the Ocean Reef community and our shared desire to help in surrounding communities."

The Community Grants program funds scores 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 2023 grants, the program will have awarded more than \$16.3 million since the Foundation's All Charities effort to consolidate fundraising in the Ocean Reef community began in 2008.

After months of careful vetting of applications by a Grants Committee of your peers, the Foundation's share of 2023 All Charities proceeds not reserved for larger Impact Fund projects was distributed, combined with record donations directly to the Community Grants Fund, as follows:

A Chance for Therapy (ACT4Me)

- Therapy programs for Homestead/Florida City children with neurological and genetic disorders **\$35,000**

Adrienne Arshst Center for the Performing Arts

- STEAM curriculum and live *Busy Bees'* Great Adventure performance field trip for 7th graders in Homestead/Florida City Title I schools **\$15,000**

Advocate Program

- Financial assistance program for veterans **\$10,000**

Alzheimer's Association

- Expansion of Alzheimer's and dementia program to Keys **\$12,644**

The ARC of South Florida

- Renovation of decades-old bathrooms at the ACE Academy school for children with disabilities in Florida City **\$45,200**

Autism Society of the Keys

- Technology and therapy for autistic youth **\$10,000**

Big Brothers Big Sisters

- Expansion of youth mentoring program in the Upper Keys, Homestead/Florida City **\$20,000**

Branches Florida City

- "Grow & Climb" teen leadership development and employment mentoring program **\$35,000**
- "It's a Money Thing" Financial Education program for students and families **\$25,000**

Bridge to Hope

- Expansion of Homestead Healthy Food Distribution Hub services including food, nutrition education, access to health services, and career-focused computer literacy **\$25,500**

Burton Memorial United Methodist Church

- **Food Pantry:** Refrigerated truck usage to enable pick up of perishable donations from local grocery stores and funds to purchase needed food items when not available by donation **\$19,800**
- **Child Development Center:** Summer enrichment program **\$10,000**

Camillus House

- CHEER educational initiative to assist formerly homeless children in attending school and catching up with peers **\$15,000**

Caring for Miami

- Project Smile Mobile Dental Unit visits for the Upper Keys, Homestead/Florida City **\$40,000**
- Contribution towards a new, additional Mobile Dental Unit for expansion **\$25,000**

Centro Campesino

- Computers and curriculum software for youth programs **\$26,800**

Chapman Partnership

- Mentoring program at the Parent Institute at the Family Resource Center for families transitioning from homelessness **\$13,000**

Chapters Health Foundation

- Community support and outreach services, including Valor program for veterans and first-responders, for the only non-profit hospice and palliative care program in Monroe County **\$50,000**

The Children's Voice Chorus

- To expand choral programs at Branches Florida City to additional children **\$10,000**

The College of the Florida Keys

- Cameras required to qualify testing lab as a Pearson Vue Testing Site **\$12,000**

Coral Shores High School

- Athletic Department Hardship Assistance Fund **\$15,000**
- AVID college readiness program training for teachers **\$11,200**

Cox Science Center & Aquarium

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

DMF Employment Opportunities

- Employment initiative for individuals with intellectual and development disabilities **\$25,216**

EnFAMILIA

- STEAM curriculum for youth program **\$6,500**

Family Central

- Expansion of the Benefits Enrollment Program to support vulnerable families in Homestead and Florida City **\$25,000**

Feeding South Florida

- Food delivery and distribution to six partner pantries in Homestead, Florida City and the Upper Keys **\$120,000**

Florida Keys Area Health Education Centers (Keys AHEC)

- In-school primary medical and dental services program in Upper Keys schools **\$50,000**

Florida Keys Children's Shelter

- Residential & Counseling Programs for at-risk youth **\$50,000**

Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition

- Upper Keys Child Safety Equipment and Early Childhood Education programs **\$32,000**

Florida Keys Outreach Coalition

- "Quick Assist" program to prevent homelessness **\$28,500**

Florida Keys Soccer Club

- Youth soccer league programs and equipment **\$10,000**

Gang Alternative

- To equip the expansion of FabLab Miami STEAM program to Homestead and Florida City youth at Phichol Williams Community Center **\$40,000**

Genesis Hopeful Haven

- Camp Independence program for youth in foster care **\$40,000**
Match required

Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida

- To bring evidence-based Girl Scout Leadership Experience to 18 underserved Homestead/Florida City neighborhoods **\$12,000**

Good Health Clinic

- Prescription assistance and medical supply program for Upper Keys residents \$20,740

Greater Miami Youth for Christ

- "Teen Indigenous Leaders" development and employment mentoring program at West Homestead KIX \$50,000

Greater Miami Youth Symphony

- Expansion of music lessons program to additional Homestead/Florida City schools \$10,000

Guidance/Care Center

- Towards rebuild of The Heron assisted living facility for Keys residents with chronic mental illness \$25,000

Guitars Over Guns Organization

- Music instruction programs and mentors for at-risk Homestead/Florida City youth \$25,000

Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys

- Towards building affordable housing units in Key Largo \$35,000
Match required

Health Information Project

- Peer-to-peer, comprehensive health education program at four Homestead and Monroe County high schools \$25,000

Homestead Youth Arts Center

- Scholarships for "Advance Through Dance" after-school program \$10,000

ICU Baby

- Comprehensive support for Upper Keys and Homestead/Florida City families with babies in NICUs at Miami hospitals \$22,925

Jacobs Aquatic Center

- Restoration of the children's water feature area at Key Largo Community Pool \$17,224

Jacob's Shoes

- "Sole Necessities" program to provide proper-fitting shoes to disadvantaged Homestead/Florida City children \$10,000

Key Largo School

- AVID college readiness program, college trips and teacher training \$22,400
- Summer Recreation program for up to 300 pre-K through 5th grade students \$35,000

Keys Community Concert Band

- Music mentoring for youth and Pops in the Park concert series \$4,600

Kids 4 Kids USA

- Red Cross Certified Water Safety Swim Program for children with disabilities \$11,500

Kristi House

- Emergency support for child-victims of abuse and sex trafficking \$29,000

Ladies Empowerment & Action Program (LEAP)

- Expansion of the Incarcerated Women's Chance for Change Initiative \$25,000

Mexican-American Council

- College & Career Readiness program for seniors from families of farm workers at Homestead high schools \$34,200

Miami Diaper Bank

- Expansion of mobile diaper distributions to Homestead/Florida City \$12,500
Match required

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind & Visually Impaired

- Children's Vision Program for 800 in both service areas \$10,000

Monroe Association for Remarkable Citizens (MARC House)

- Healthy shopping, cooking and eating nutrition lunch program for developmentally disabled adults \$10,000

The Motivational Edge

- Youth Engagement & Empowerment Program for at-risk youth \$20,000

MUJER

- Workshops and therapy for 60+ abused children and non-offending parents \$50,000

Ocean Studies Charter School

- "Science in the Field" program for marine science-focused K-8 school \$23,651

PATCHES PPEC

- Specially equipped van to transport medically vulnerable children \$42,500
Matched

The Salvation Army

- "Pathway to Hope" social services and financial assistance program for Upper Keys residents \$10,000

South Dade Women Veterans Alliance

- Towards SDVA Women's Initiative case management and support groups for female veterans \$15,000

South Florida After-School All-Stars

- After-school enrichment programs for 60 middle school students at two Homestead schools \$10,000

South Florida Council of Boy Scouts

- Scouting programs for disadvantaged youth in the Homestead area \$20,000

Special Olympics Florida Monroe County

- Continued expansion of sports training and competitions for Upper Keys youth with intellectual disabilities \$22,000

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church Child Development Center

- Community Pavilion for outdoor community and school events and programs \$26,099
Matched*

Star of the Sea Outreach Mission

- Upper Keys Hunger Relief Program \$36,000

Start Off Smart

- Homestead Police Department Community Policing "Violence Interruption Strategy" campaign for youth and families \$29,900

- 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 \$75,000

TIPS

- Florida Keys Youth Basketball League \$7,000

Touching Miami with Love (West Homestead Site)

- Youth development job training program \$35,604
- Adult Literacy Empowerment program \$25,535

United Way of Collier and the Keys

- Upper Keys "Success by Six" School Readiness program \$15,900

Upper Keys Baseball Development Foundation

- "Steady Bats" baseball program serving 75 youth \$8,500

Veteran Sailing

- Basic Keel Boat to Coastal Cruising Sailing Certification for active-duty military and honorably discharged veterans \$10,000

Voices for Florida Keys Children

- Children's Welfare Program to assist families through the 16th Judicial Court Guardian Ad Litem \$11,000

Wellspring Counseling

- Homestead & Upper Keys Counseling Financial Aid Program \$26,000

YMCA of South Florida

- Homestead After-school Program scholarships \$20,000
- Key Largo Summer Camp and After-school Program scholarships \$55,000

\$2,000,138
Total 2023 Community Grants

To learn more about the Community Grants program and/or Co-Investment Opportunities to complement partial and match grants, please email foundation@oceanreef.com, call 305-367-4707, or visit our office in the Ocean Reef Business Center.

* Matched by the Protestant Congregation of Ocean Reef Outreach Committee

Grants Committee 2023-2024

Janie Sims, Chair	Cynthia Lee
Cindy Brammer	Kathie Markel
Alan Goldstein	Linda Owens
Diane Hill	Amy Upjohn
Marie Jacobs	Kathy Weiland
Ken Karl	Steve Woodsum
Ed Kramer	Brad Young

After months of careful vetting by the Grants Committee of your peers, the organizations depicted on these pages were awarded grants for projects benefitting Youth, Education, Health & Family Services, and Community in the Upper Keys, Homestead and Florida City. These pages offer a tiny window into the huge real-life impact of your participation in the All Charities program, with messages directly from the recipient organizations. Enjoy!

CHARITY TOURS Be a part of the Grants distribution process! You're invited to visit charities to learn about new projects and see past projects in person on Charity Tours on **December 5, January 10, and February 9** this season. Member feedback from tours is a vital part of the Grants Committee process.

Please call the office or email foundation@oceanreef.com for details and reservations.

A Chance for Therapy (Act4Me)



For 14 years, with the help of gracious donors like the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, we have been able to expand our reach in the community we serve. This year is no different. Thanks to your generous donation, we are helping more children with disabilities to receive therapy, allowing them to strive for a better future. This wouldn't be possible without your support. Your donation has made a huge impact in the lives of many children and their families. Thank you for continuing to believe in and support our mission of making therapy accessible to children with disabilities in our area.

*Martha Poulat,
Vice-President and Co-founder*



Adrienne Arsht Center Trust



The Adrienne Arsht Center is grateful for Ocean Reef Community Foundation's support, which enables us to ensure that all children in our community have access to high-quality performing arts experiences by eliminating financial and geographical barriers. We are thrilled to welcome every elementary (3rd, 4th, and 5th grade) and middle school (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) student to Knight Concert Hall for the live performances of *Kitty Hawk* and *The Busy Bees' Great Adventure*. Exposure to artistic experiences opens young minds to infinite possibilities and fosters creative thinkers and changemakers.

Beth Markowitz, Manager of Foundation Relations

Advocate Program

Thank you, Ocean Reef Community Foundation, for helping veteran families, like the Alvarez family, who you helped with one time expenses not covered by other programs. With your help, the Alvarezes were able to get both of their children everything they needed for back-to-school. The veteran and his wife both have expressed such gratitude for the opportunity to be a recipient of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation funding and continue to be grateful for having such support.

Crystal King, MPH, Housing Case Manager

Alzheimer's Association

We at the Alzheimer's Association are so thankful for the generous grant awarded to the Southeast Florida Chapter through the Ocean Reef Foundation. With Miami-Dade County leading the nation in prevalence of Alzheimer's in communities where 10,000+ of the residents are age 65 and older coupled with the race demographics, it is of utmost importance to create awareness about the disease. More knowledge leads to risk reduction and early and accurate diagnosis, thus improving the quality of life for our community members.

Tracey Wekar-Paige, Executive Director



Autism Society of the Keys (ASK)

ASK is extremely grateful for the continued support from Ocean Reef Community Foundation. We have partnered for over ten years to help educate, support and help children and their families in the Upper Keys. ASK is the only nonprofit in the Upper Keys that is dedicated to supporting families with autism. We do this by offering parent support meetings, family socials, sensory boxes, police training, educational meetings and financial aide, none of which would be available without you! Please tell your donors how much we appreciate them and that every year they do make a difference!

Jill Campbell, Executive Director

The Arc of South Florida

Our thanks to the ORC members for their kindness to ARC Florida City. The ORC members have been thoughtful, generous, and strong supporters of our mission for many years allowing ARC Florida City to accomplish numerous projects. Thanks to this year's grant, approximately 300 students are able to use renewed accessible bathrooms. The new bathrooms provide wider spaces and grab rails for students with mobility aids. In addition, the bathroom renovation have created a safe and quality environment with better mirrors, lights, enhanced privacy, and updated equipment.

Maria Barros, Director



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami

Thank you, Ocean Reef Community Foundation for allowing Big Brothers Big Sisters to expand its reach to serve you and families in Homestead and the Upper Keys. This intentional investment is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to impacting these areas of South Florida.

Gale Nelson, CEO and President

Branches

Climb Program



Recently we surveyed students on a variety of questions about Branches. Over and over again students stated that Branches was a place of belonging and opportunity. I am grateful for the opportunity that we are able to provide through the generous funds of the Ocean Reef Foundation. Middle and high school students come throughout the week for opportunities to improve academically, develop

character and leadership skills, participate in activities, and to belong to a community. We are able to do transformational work with our students every day and invest in them for today and their future.

*Adriana Matos Flecha,
Program Coordinator and Branches Alum*

"It's a Money Thing" Financial Education



I graduated from college debt-free due to the financial education I received from Branches. I am thankful to the Ocean Reef Foundation for supporting the "It's a Money Thing" program at Branches. Each month students are learning money basics; they are applying what they learn to manage earning, saving and spending their Branches Bucks. Students go home and share with

their parents what they have learned and then we see parents coming in for financial coaching. Thank you for enabling us to create opportunities for our students and families to become financially literate and make wise financial decisions.

*Damaris Elizalde,
Grow Coach and Branches Alum*

Burton Memorial United Methodist Church

Food Service



We at Burton Memorial want to thank the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for their continuing donation to our food pantry. Through our perishable donation program, we have been able to secure 11.8 tons of food from Winn Dixie and

Publix YTD, an innovative way to recycle food. These pictures show the refrigerated truck paid for by your generosity. On an average week, it makes one to two trips to the stores to collect the week's food donations. Through this program, we provide families with meats, produce, bakery and deli foods that would have otherwise gone to waste.

David Charlton, Pastor

Summer School Enrichment Program



Thank you for your generous donation for this summer's program. With your support, Burton Memorial CDC was able to provide the children a fun and memorable summer. We were able to go on two field trips a week, focusing on more water based/water play activities due to the hot temperatures we experienced this summer. We maintained exciting and creative themes that included fun crafts for our children. Our participants included 20-30 school-age children, ages 5-13. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by our children and families. Without it, the activities and trips would not be possible.

Dominique Whitehead, Summer Program Teacher



Bridge to Hope

We are so grateful to the Ocean Reef Foundation for making it possible to direct deliver food to clients like Gabriella B. who is a single mother of a special needs child in Homestead. She doesn't have a car to get to a food pantry location. Ocean Reef Community Foundation's generous support makes it possible for us to drop food to her at home. Thanks to you, she no longer struggles to walk miles to catch a bus with her autistic son in tow. It's positively life changing for Gabriella and so many like her who fall outside the parameters of traditional food pantry services.

*Lori Ramos, MSW
Vanessa Tinsley, Executive Director*



Centro Campesino

On behalf of Centro Campesino, thank you! Your support gives our youth access to technology and software programs. Your contributions are directly impacting 140 students! With your support, we are making 2023-2024 a successful school year!

Barbara Cesar, Director of Education

Caring for Miami

Project Smile Program



On behalf of our entire team, I want to thank the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for providing continued support and resources that enables us to serve the under-resourced. I have personally experienced the impact that it has on our patients and those who are struggling to afford and access dental care. I feel very proud and honored to be part of what Caring For Miami and Ocean Reef Community Foundation are doing in our community.

Dr. Ximena Checa, Dentist

Project Smile Program Expansion

I would like to sincerely thank the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for their generous contribution to the Project Smile Program Expansion. This updated unit will give our staff the ability to provide a greater standard of care to our patients, specifically those battling cancers of the head and neck. Our increased capacity to provide a wider range of services and imaging will allow us to screen over 500 patients a year for abnormalities and diseases that often go undetected in this demographic. Additionally, we will be able to facilitate over 1,000 more patient visits per year.

Damaris Ortiz, Dental Clinic Director

Camillus House

To the heroic individuals in the community who made the donations to Ocean Reef Community Foundation and to Ocean Reef Community Foundation itself and its valued trustees, Camillus House simply says THANK YOU! Thank you so much for helping the homeless. It is quite possibly the greatest gift we can ever hope to give. Your support means nothing less than the world to the beautiful children who live safely with their families now with all the fun and games and educational support their hearts could ever desire. Together we are ending the cycle of homelessness for children and their families!

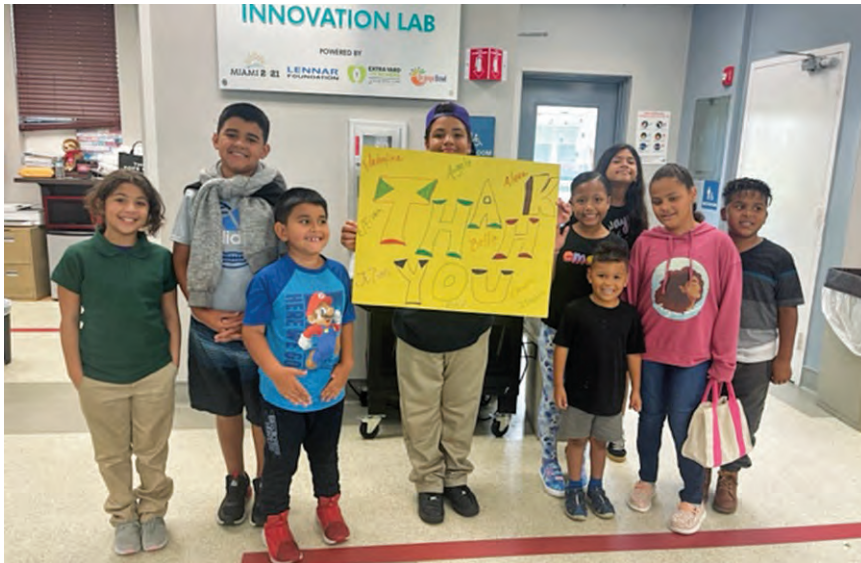
*Christine Perez,
CFRE, VP of Development*



Chapman Partnership

For the vast majority of children residing at Chapman Partnership, their childhood has been marred with frequent moves, loss of friendships, and the devastation of leaving all their belongings behind as they experience eviction. When they arrive at our doorstep, our first priority is to address their physical needs of shelter and food. With the goal of making an impressionable footprint during their shelter stay, our Family Resource Center helps them experience childhood like a child – building good memories, and hopes and dreams of a future filled with purpose, confidence and independence.

Victoria L. Hopta, Impact Strategist - Philanthropic Investments & Gov't. Affairs



The Children's Voice Chorus

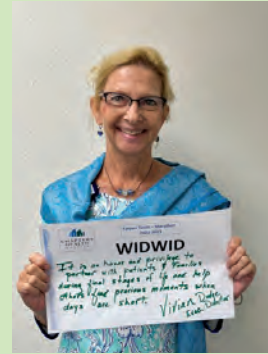


Thank you to the Ocean Reef Foundation for supporting our choral and early childhood music programs in Florida City. As the new Director of Programs Operations, I have been deeply touched by the impact that I have seen in our students in my first year. I have come to know the stories of our students and

see every week how much they need music in their lives. They are elated with the opportunities that expand their worldviews, connect them with joy through the music, and slowly turn them into leaders. Thank you for validating the passion and dedication our students have for music.

Maya Fisher, Director of Program Operations

Chapters Health Hospice



Words cannot adequately express my gratitude for your grant to Chapters Health Hospice. Your generosity and support mean so much. Funding from ORCF allows us to provide caregiver support to families, meet the community's basic and special needs, such as medical alert devices

to those at risk of falls, provide no-cost bereavement counseling and support, honor Veterans and first responders, grant wishes, provide robotic companion pets for dementia/Alzheimer's patients, and improve the overall quality of life for as long as possible. Thank you for recognizing the value of quality hospice care.

Vivian Dodge, Executive Director

The College of the Florida Keys



Thanks to the generous support of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, the College successfully installed the cameras required to apply for a Pearson Vue Site award. In September 2023, the College received recognition as a Pearson Vue Site. As a result, Upper Keys community members have convenient access to a broad scope of multi-industry testing at the Upper Keys Center. This would not have been possible without the support of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation. The College intends to continue expanding testing abilities to serve the needs of the Upper Keys community.

Lana Gaspari, Vice President of Advancement and Executive Director of the CFK Foundation

Coral Shores High School

CSHS Athletic Department



Coral Shores Athletic Department is deeply indebted to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for the difference you have made in the lives of our student-athletes. Many of our players – and their families – are experiencing unprecedented financial challenges. Your supplemental assistance has proven to be absolutely invaluable. BLESS YOU!

Rich Russell, Athletic Administration

CSHS AVID Program

I would like to thank ORCF on behalf of the students and staff at Coral Shores High School. We now have 100 students in the AVID elective classes that are with a trained AVID elective teacher! These students are learning success skills to help them through high school and into post secondary education. Overall, 760 students will benefit from the training received this summer by our staff as they implement strategies they learned for all students. We are so thankful to be able to provide these opportunities to our staff to directly benefit our students.



Laura Lietaert, Principal



Cox Science Center & Aquarium

We are grateful to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for giving the Cox Science Center and Aquarium the chance to present our STEM Passport to Education Program to over 1000 at-risk, Title 1 elementary students in Homestead, Florida City and Key Largo. In this program, the children learn to be young scientists and engineers as they learn to question, think, create, solve, collaborate, invent and reflect. This program allows us to fulfill our mission to "Open every mind to science" by providing live science demonstrations that will inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers.

Carla Duhaney, Chief Operating Officer

DMF Employment Opportunities

I want to express my heartfelt thanks for enabling us to continue creating, developing, and progressing towards a brighter future for young adults with unique abilities. The future holds much more than just a job - it offers independence while at the same time promoting their self-esteem, self-worth, and overall well-being. Our program participants are growing by leaps and bounds and pursuing a world full of hope and dreams of their own. The light at the end of the tunnel shines brighter every day,

Lily de Moya, Founder and President





enFAMILIA

With ORCF's assistance, our 'Path to Success' program positively impacts the lives of 130 students in our community. Your contribution enables us to provide these young minds with access to the previously lacking STEAM curriculum. This not only empowers our students with valuable skills but also opens doors to a brighter future for each of them. Your belief in our mission and commitment to education makes a tangible difference in the lives of farmworkers' families and their children, and we are profoundly thankful for your partnership in our journey toward positive change.

Carlos Salgado, Director

Florida Keys Community Concert Band

Thank you ORCF for helping us to make a significant impact on our performers, our audience and young students in our community. Fun, new music includes The Stripper, New York/New York, and Thriller. The audience will love to hear these tunes as much as we will enjoy playing them. Parked in front of Key Largo School, the equipment trailer, with a shiny new decal, is a reminder that concerts will resume soon. Maestro Robert Sax, having recently returned from teaching abroad, met with a dozen students from each of the Upper Keys schools. He taught sessions at all levels and in all genres.

Susan Bazin, Concert Master



Family Central



Thanks to the generosity of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, Family Central was able to link 487 family members to crucial community resources such as housing, food, school supplies and uniforms, and childcare. These resources have transformed the lives of these families and has provided them with stability in our communities they would not otherwise have had.

Wendy Salomon, Chief Operating Officer

Feeding South Florida

Feeding South Florida is grateful to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for supporting our work to address food insecurity and hunger in Monroe County. Feeding South Florida works with six partner agencies to provide food assistance to individuals and families in South Dade and North Monroe Counties. With the support of ORCF, we can provide nearly 500,000 pounds of food or 125,000 meals annually to those in need. The work that Feeding South Florida is doing in Monroe County would not be possible without the ongoing partnership with ORCF. Thank you.

Allyson Vault, AVP of Philanthropy



Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition

The partnership between the Ocean Reef Community Foundation and the Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition saves lives and supports parents as they serve as their child's first teacher. I have seen first-hand the impact of your support: from specialized car seats to transport preemie babies home from the hospital to children learning to crawl and walk in a safe educational environment. Your dedication opens the doors to all of the Coalition programs and ensures Upper Keys families have everything they need to grow and thrive. Thank you for believing every baby deserves a Healthy Start.

Arianna Nesbitt, CEO



Florida Keys Soccer Club

The '23-'24 season is off to a fantastic start with over 400 youth athletes, ages 3-18, participating in programs that range from introductory to developmental to competitive. Through the Ocean Reef grant, the Florida Keys Soccer Club issued nearly \$6,000 in scholarship funds, offsetting costs for Keys families. Additionally, FKSC purchased much-needed training and equipment, providing our coaches and referees the tools needed to foster a love for the game and inspire the next generation. Thank you Ocean Reef for your support and for giving our youth the gift of opportunity!

Shannon Cary, Director



Florida Keys Children's Shelter



We now feel the difference in energy from the last few years that were dominated by COVID-19. Not only does community support seem at an all-time high, but the number of youth who receive services has increased throughout the county. This past fiscal year, we exceeded our contracted goals, with 139 children calling FKCS home in our residential program, 198 children were provided counseling services, and 98% of our youth were transitioned to permanent housing. We treasure our partnership with the Ocean Reef Community Foundation and thank each and everyone involved for this incredible support!

Ben Kemmer, CEO

Florida Keys Outreach Coalition

THANK YOU ORCF! The Florida Keys Outreach Coalition, Inc. is extremely grateful for the support of the ORCF. These funds help us provide essential services to our hardworking neighbors that keep our community thriving. The flexibility of this funding is significant as it allows us to assist with the real needs in the community while providing a sense of security to the recipient. We provide case management to assist and/or obtain housing assistance (rent, utility and mortgage), medical/dental and childcare, food, employment, specialized/professional insurance and other related services needed.

Jeanette McLemon, Executive Director

Genesis Hopeful Haven



Thank you to the ORCF for your vested interest in our beautiful community and continued support of GHH. Your generous grant was integral to keeping 102 foster youth engaged and safe this summer, and for that, I am forever grateful. These students learned new life skills and tried new things like golfing, sailing, and kayaking that will be core memories for the rest of their lives! Thanks to selfless partners like you who help create new beginnings, this impactful program and others, like our Independent Living Homes, help to mitigate the numerous unfavorable statistics stacked against them.

*Fritzie Saintoiry, LCSW,
CEO and Founder*

Good Health Clinic

THANK YOU for supporting our clinic's medication program. You have given me and all our dozens of medical volunteers an essential tool to really impact patients' lives - truly helping them to live better and longer. On any given day, the access to medications make it possible to relieve a kid's sore throat, ensure diabetics are well enough to work, stop infections from becoming life threatening, and even preserve a patient's sight. Modern medicine is truly amazing, thank you for ensuring it is available to all those who need it!



Cristine Aggelis, Nurse Practitioner

Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida



We are grateful for the continued support of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation whose investment has allowed us to expand our Community Troops and serve over 200 girls in under-resourced South Dade neighborhoods in Homestead and Florida City. Through this staff led program, girls are participating in the full Girl Scout Leadership Experience including a STEM Summer Camp this June where they explored digital movie making, patterns in nature and outdoor art making! These young women are truly developing courage, confidence and character to make the world a better place!

*Chaynea Fox-Sampson,
Director, Community Partnerships*

Greater Miami Youth for Christ

City Life KIX extends a heartfelt gratitude to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation. Your support has allowed us to build on the achievements of the previous year and empower our youth with the skills required to excel as leaders in our programs. Thanks to the invaluable assistance provided by Ocean Reef, we are committed to sustaining our efforts in nurturing future leaders through our Leadership Academy, post-secondary planning, service projects, team-building excursions, college tours, and vocational training. We sincerely appreciate your unwavering belief in the youth of West Homestead!

Jules Altidor, West Homestead Site Director



Greater Miami Youth Symphony

Thank you for your support in getting musical instruments into the hands of my students! They were literally jumping up and down with excitement when they first saw them! Having these instruments has made such a difference in our ability to perform ensemble pieces. I'm now able to have small groups of students rotate through all of the different parts, including the bass line, and allow every student to experience each part individually. Thank you again for supporting this project- you have made a tremendous impact in our school!

Donald Mills, Music Teacher, Florida City Elementary School



Guitars Over Guns Organization

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous support of Guitars Over Guns. Your commitment to our mission makes a significant impact on our Homestead programs that empower youth through music and mentorship. ORCF's support provides valuable opportunities for 50 young people to discover their potential and build brighter futures. Thank you for being an essential part of our journey toward transforming lives through music and mentorship. I hope you share in the same pride that we have in the impact we're making, because without your support it would not be possible.

Walker Moseley, Regional Director



Guidance/Care Center

Thank you for your generous donation, your gift will directly support the rebuild of our Assisted Living Facility as our current residents' home needs to be rebuilt. The Heron program provides a home with support to adults with mental illness. Mental illness involves changes in thinking, mood, and/or behavior which can affect the ability to carry out daily tasks and managing self-care. Having a safe, secure home that is close to family is an important part of recovery. The Heron is the only facility of its kind in the Florida Keys. Without it, these adults would have no home.

Clare Condra, Administrator

Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys



Thank you to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation. Your continued, generous support has been incredible in helping Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys continue to serve our community by providing local, affordable housing. This particular funding went towards the construction of two single-family affordable homes, both located in Key Largo. These projects are more than housing, they build community and hope for families in the Upper Keys, and we are sincerely grateful for the generosity of the Foundation.

Lindsay Fast, Executive Director



Health Information Project (HIP)

HIP believes that every young person deserves to be physically and emotionally safe and healthy. HIP could not achieve this goal without the support of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation! Because of you, students in our community feel more connected to their schools, know that they are not alone and feel more comfortable talking about their health in the safe environment created by HIP. Our students are going through a lot as they navigate this teen mental health crisis and your support is truly saving lives!

Valerie Berrin, Chief Operating Officer

ICU baby

ICU baby is able to do meaningful work for NICU parents because of the financial support of Ocean Reef Community Foundation. Thanks to the generous donors that make our emotional, financial and informational support available to NICU families who need it most. You unite parents with their baby and give us the opportunity to make sure their NICU experience is improved via our programming. Thank you for your loyal support.

Elizabeth Simonton, CEO



Jacobs Aquatic Center

We had painters repaint the pirate ship and spray gym, and then seal them with a clear coat. The brand new non-slip mats have been placed all around the pirate ship area so that the children have a safer walkway. Our summer camp kids this summer were smiling the minute the pirate ship area came into view. They came running up to our door so excited to splash and play in the water. Everyone commented on how nice the ship and spray gym looked compared to the last time they were here. We want to say thank you so much to everyone who made this possible.



Greg Hallock, Pool Manager

Keys AHEC Health Centers

The Ocean Reef Community Foundation has supported Keys AHEC in expanding health care for medically vulnerable children. AHEC has maintained all clinical services in the Upper Keys and has expanded services to three additional schools and a soon-to-be new dental office, allowing Keys AHEC to meet the demand for health care in families of low and moderate-income homes. We are truly blessed to have your support.

Michael Cunningham, CEO



Homestead Youth Arts Center

Through your generosity, you have empowered these young dancers with skills, confidence, and a love for the arts that will benefit them for years to come. Your investment in their education and personal growth is leaving a lasting legacy in our community. We are immensely grateful for your dedication to creating opportunities and shaping a brighter future for our youth. Your kindness and vision are changing lives, and we are honored to have you as partners in this journey.

Ashley Eulette, President

Key Largo School

AVID – Advancement Via Individual Determination

We are extremely grateful for the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for the opportunity to build students' mindsets toward college and career opportunities. This past year, the AVID students were able to tour the University of South Florida, Rollins College, the University of Miami, and Florida International University. The 6th-grade AVID students learned about environmental careers in the realm of our National Parks in the Everglades. Without the generous donation from your organization, our students would not have been able to participate in these experiences.

Tiffany Zepeda, Assistant Principal



Summer Recreation Program

Without the generous donation from the Ocean Reef Community Foundation Summer Recreation wouldn't be possible. Approximately 180 students enrolled this past summer with ten highly qualified teachers or paraprofessionals teaching classes. The students are engaged in non-remedial classes throughout the school day with at least two educational field trips a week. This is a free program for students because of the donation we received from ORCF. As the director of the program, I would like to personally say thank you for giving the students of the Upper Keys such a unique opportunity in the summer

Ryan Smith, Director of Summer Recreation



Kristi House



Kids 4 Kids USA

Children with disabilities, particularly autism, are at a higher risk of drowning and not knowing how to swim. We are working hard to change this locally, by providing improved access to swimming instruction for children with disabilities in the Upper Keys. We could not do this work without the generous support of Ocean Reef Community Foundation. Because of you, we hosted two very successful learn-to-swim summer camps serving over 30 individuals with disabilities and are engaged in ongoing efforts to continue expanding this work. The ORCF support has and will continue to change lives.

Tana Carson, Vice President



After allegations of child sexual abuse, the remaining parent or caregiver, usually mom, is often overwhelmed with emotional and economic stressors. Emergency client support -- in the form of groceries, payoff of a utility bill or catching up with rent to avoid eviction -- often makes the difference between a child getting the help they need to heal from abuse or not. Ocean Reef Community Foundation support enables Kristi House to remove barriers to healing and to thwart a lifetime of suffering from unresolved trauma.

Amanda G. Altman, CEO

Ladies Empowerment & Action Program



Imagine you are coming out of prison after years- no therapy, no addiction treatment. You get \$50 and a bus ticket. In contrast, and thanks to Ocean Reef Community Foundation, If you are part of LEAP, you have had five months of learning about how Adverse Childhood Experiences affect your decision-making and how childhood trauma can lead to addiction. Yes, you are starting over, but you are starting

over with a support system & a community that understands your challenges and wants nothing from you but your success. For the 60 women served annually in this program, this is often the first chance.

Michelle Shindell, Prison Program Instructor



We want to express our deep appreciation to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for their continuous support and commitment to the youth in South Miami-Dade. This year, 40 bright graduates from the Mexican American Council College and Career Prep program have been granted scholarships and laptops, all thanks to your generous support. Your investment extends far beyond education; it's a beacon of hope that will empower these farmworker youth and their families for years to come. Together we are disrupting the cycle of poverty through dedication, hard work, and the gift of a quality education.

Ms. Mariselly M. Rivero, MBA, Program Manager



Miami Diaper Bank

We are grateful to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation and its donors for helping us make the Mobile Diaper Pantry a reality and bring it to Homestead and Florida City! This is a huge opportunity for Miami Diaper Bank and the babies it serves to fulfill our mission and break down barriers to service for hundreds of families in the community who need our support the most. Our work is critical in helping parents give their children the best life possible no matter their financial circumstances. Thank you on behalf of the babies we serve!

Gabriela Rojas, Executive Director

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind & Visually Impaired

We are grateful for the Ocean Reef Community Foundation's continued generous support of our Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program which will provide free access to eye health care, comprehensive eye exams with dilation, and prescription glasses for 800 schoolchildren in Homestead, Florida City and the Upper Keys. Many of these schoolchildren are from migrant and homeless populations without access to adequate or timely resources. Addressing vision problems for these children is critical for their well-being, their academic performance, their confidence, and social interactions.

Cameron Sisser, Senior Vice President for External Relations



Monroe County Education Foundation/ Take Stock in Children

The Monroe County Education Foundation is extremely grateful for the Ocean Reef Community Foundation's support of the Take Stock in Children Monroe program in the Upper Keys. The funds received allowed MCEF to provide Florida Prepaid tuition and dormitory scholarships to its most deserving students who would otherwise find the opportunity to pursue a post-secondary degree at a Florida university unattainable and unaffordable. With the help of ORCF, Take Stock Monroe is changing lives and breaking the cycle of poverty through education. Thank you for making a positive difference!

Chuck Licis-Masson, Executive Director



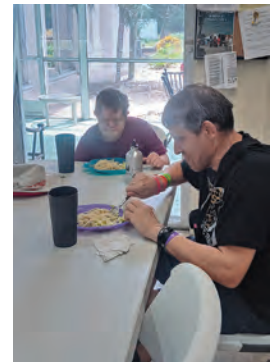
MUJER

Thank you Ocean Reef Community Foundation for your investment in our children and their families. Your support allows MUJER the opportunity to work with families who will use the knowledge gained to become change agents for themselves and their families. As one teenager from our Heroes program said, "Before MUJER I considered myself a 'victim,' today I am a proud survivor looking for opportunities to thrive."

Susan J Rubio Rivera, Executive Director

Monroe Association for ReMARCable Citizens (MARC)

We are so grateful to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for their support of the Food & Individual Training (FIT) program for our Upper Keys clients. The success of this program comes from being able to teach new cooking skills, nutrition and portion control. Monroe Association for ReMARCable Citizens Upper Keys Program could not have continued this valuable program without the partnership of the ORCF.



Diana Flenard, Executive Director

The Motivational Edge



We extend our heartfelt gratitude for the support of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, which has made a profound impact on our Youth Engagement & Empowerment Program. Your support has allowed us to provide over 50 youth who have experienced complex trauma and/or adverse childhood experiences with our arts-based mentoring programs. These individuals are not only learning life skills but also discovering their inner strength and self-confidence through the Arts. Your generosity is helping us shape brighter, more resilient futures for the youth of Homestead, and for that, we thank you deeply.

Ian Welsch, CEO & Founder

Ocean Studies Charter School

Thank you so much to the generous supporters of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation. Their impact will be felt for generations through the environmental work and stewardship of our students. Helping provide much needed field equipment for the students of the Upper Florida Keys has resulted in them not only looking for problems in our world, but seeking out solutions, as well. Habitat monitoring, water quality testing, data collection and more ensure that the interaction with the environment is a positive one. We couldn't have provided this opportunity without the amazing people of Ocean Reef!

Jessica Martinez, Assistant Principal





Our new van has been a God-send to PATCHES. Our old van was always in the shop causing a huge delay picking up our children and getting them to medical appointments. As just one example, a mother of preemie triplets needed transportation on discharge from the NICU so there would be no break in the babies' care. We didn't have a van available to help her, when they called and said our new van was ready! The mom was so happy, as were we. Thank you!

Kyle Smith, CEO/Founder/Nurse

South Florida After-School All-Stars

Because of our partnership with Ocean Reef Community Foundation, we are able to provide and promote additional inputs and expand the traditional model of learning by providing opportunities that ignites the interest and curiosity of our students, develops habits of work, and mindfulness that will benefit our students and their families as they pursue their education, become productive members of our community and work diligently towards providing favorable outcomes for themselves and their families.



Gussie Flynn, Director of Development & Marketing

St. Justin Martyr Preschool



As the Parish Administrator I give tours of the preschool to prospective parents that are interested in enrolling their children at St. Justin's. During one of my recent tours the parents told me how much they appreciate being able to use our playground on the weekends and after hours when we are closed. After the parent left I reflected on how much the Ocean Reef Community Foundation has helped our preschool. With the help of the Foundation we have been able to continue to provide a safe, fun and nurturing environment for the children of the Upper Keys. Thank You ORCF!

Marliese Ljuba, Parish Administrator

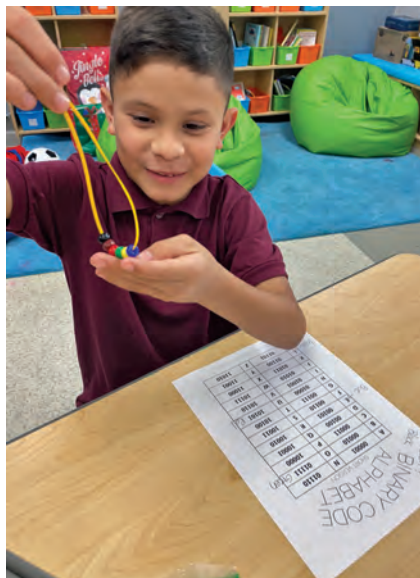
South Dade Women's Veterans Alliance



SDWVA has done so much for me throughout my journey. To include me as a client, and now as an employee. SDWVA went above and beyond to

make sure my children and I had a place to stay when things got rough as a client. We will be eternally grateful for that and so much more. Now, as an employee, nothing has changed other than I get to be the one to help out our women veterans in the community who need assistance. I am proud to work and be part of this amazing all-woman organization. Thank you, SDWVA, for all you do for me and all our women veterans in the community. Thank you ORCF for your support.

*Karla Diaz,
Women Veterans Resource Specialist*



South Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America

On behalf of the Scouts and youth of Redland Elementary School, we thank the supporters of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation. The program you support impacts the entire school, all ages. We are thankful for your annual support as well as we are able to see the youth move up each year and graduate. The foundation is one of the valuable partners that make serving the entire school possible through the programs of Scouting. As depicted in many of our photos, we like to focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, STEM, as we know it prepares all of the youth for our advancing world.

Diane Hickman, Director of Outreach Programs

Special Olympics Florida

Our coaches and athletes are so grateful for the funding provided by Ocean Reef Community Foundation. It has enabled them to access opportunities that would not normally be offered to them. Our 2023 Spring Season, State Games at ESPN was phenomenal. Funding allowed for 50% more travel for qualification at Area Games in Naples than in 2022. Two Unified Soccer Teams competed and brought home medals; Key Largo School and Coral Shores High School. We also watched Upper Keys athletes compete in Bocce, Track, and Cycling. We are ready for the Fall Season, with trained coaches, for three sports!

Ruth Coleman, Sports, Training and Competition Manager, Special Olympics Florida, Monroe County



Star of the Sea Foundation (SOS)



Thanks to Ocean Reef Community Foundation's generous support, SOS's St. Justin's Food Pantry can provide nutritious food to over 140 Upper Keys households weekly. By visiting our pantry, clients benefit from increased healthy food access and lower household grocery costs, freeing up money for other costs of living such as rent, utilities, childcare, healthcare and more. This community resource is vital – we've seen a 35% increase in clients served over the last year. Your partnership is making a crucial impact in our community. Thank you, ORCF!

Lisa Niederman, Director of Programs



The Salvation Army

With the generous funding awarded to The Salvation Army from Ocean Reef Community Foundation, we have been able to assist 10 families thus far (mid-grant). These 10 Upper Keys families represent 23 individuals including 10 children. The families struggle to live in Monroe County due to incredibly high rent and cost of living. The ORCF enables us to expand our limited budget for direct assistance and to help with services that may not be covered by our other funds. Without your help, these 23 individuals would have faced eviction, utility disconnects, and other hardships. We could not be more grateful.

Loretta Geotis, Social Services Case Manager

Start Off Smart

Community Policing

Through the Ocean Reef Community funding, the Homestead Community policing unit has been able to interrupt violence in the communities hardest hit. We are working tirelessly to break generational cycles of violence, improve social determinants of health that are attributing factors to the violence. The support from Ocean Reef allows us to work on a one-on-one basis with those at the highest risk, while also offering relationship building opportunities to increase police legitimacy and trust. ORCF has been one of our strongest advocates and supporters and we are eternally grateful.

Alisha Reyes, Community Relations Coordinator



Police Academy Scholarships



Homestead police department is committed to providing law enforcement employment opportunities to those who reside in our community and need assistance with the tuition to complete the police academy. We could not offer this opportunity if it were not for Ocean Reef Community Foundation's assistance. Through the foundation's generosity, two recruits are sponsored to complete the police academy. Chantal has been so grateful for the opportunity and is excelling at all the challenges in front of her. She will complete the academy and move on to the role of full-time officer thanks to you!

Fernando Morales, Homestead Police Captain

TIPS Florida Keys Youth Basketball League



Seeing the FKYBL continue to be successful for the entire community has been amazing. The league's ability to reach so many children throughout the Upper Keys is impressive. This program provides healthy, engaging, life-lesson experiences well beyond basketball for our youth. Not only do I hear our students talking about how much fun they are having, and how much they are looking forward to their next game, I also hear the buzz around the school from teachers. Probably my favorite thing about the basketball league, is the positive energy it brings to the PKS gym every Saturday morning.

Lisa Taylor, Plantation Key School Principal

United Way of Collier and the Keys

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the generous funding provided by Ocean Reef Community Foundation. This support ensures that our clients can work with peace of mind, knowing their children are in a safe and nurturing environment. Your contribution has lightened the financial burden on parents, sparing them from tough choices about which bills to prioritize over childcare. Your kindness has made a profound impact on the lives of these families, and we are truly thankful for your support.

Leah Stockton, Keys Area President



Voices for Florida Keys Children

Thanks to ORCF, Voices was able to increase its back to school clothing allowance. This allowed teens, in particular, to purchase that signature shirt, "in" sneakers, or the latest pair of jeans to get that boost of confidence to start the school year. Similarly, Voices is gearing up for the holidays and anticipates delivering gifts to more than 200 children in need to ensure that all get to experience the joy of the season. And for that, Voices is most grateful to ORCF's continued support throughout all seasons of the year.

Susan Raffanello, President



Wellspring Counseling

Thank you, Ocean Reef Community Foundation, for helping us restore hearts and minds in Homestead and the Keys. Because of your kindness, we will be able to serve at least 36 individuals and/or families with over three-hundred affordable mental health sessions providing opportunities for healing, reconciliation for families, and life progress. Your support also facilitates community education events that help reduce the mental health stigma and provide helpful resources to youth. Thank you for your support!

Betsy Quevedo, Financial Manager



Upper Keys Baseball Development Foundation



The ORCF grant has directly and indirectly impacted over 40 families this year. The psychological, physical, and personal skills each child learns through our Steady Bats program ripples out into their experiences at school, home and beyond. The grant allows us to make Steady Bats an enriched and continually improving experience where kids want to engage and be engaged – with no phones involved! While we are baseball focused, the skills required to be a great ball player are translatable to the child's overall development academically, socially, and athletically.

*Pamela Molinaro,
Licensed Mental Health Therapist,
Mental Health Coach*

Touching Miami with Love Ministries

Youth Development

We will be eternally grateful to ORCF for empowering us to continue working to reshape the lives of adolescents and increase our impact by incorporating additional employment skills in our programming. As a result, they were able to benefit from genuine socialization with their peers and communities and formed connections that fostered true friendship and growth. Through program components such as Job Training, and Civic Engagement, they cultivated their character as individuals who showed empathy and awareness of stewardship as it relates to their community.

Trina Harris, Chief Executive Officer



Adult Literacy



Thank you, ORCF, for your continued support of our efforts to ensure that the parents of our children can not only assist their children with homework, but also navigate technology that assists them with job applications, provides opportunities for better employment, and boosts their self-esteem.

Trina Harris, Chief Executive Officer



Veteran Sailing

The following quotes, left by students reviewing our Veteran Sailing program, say it all ...

"A challenging and very rewarding course. It's obvious within seconds of being around Joe, absorb all you can. He is the real deal and graciously takes the time to figure out your needs to make you a sailor/better person. THANK YOU Capt.Joe!!!!"

"Captain Joe was a highly knowledgeable sailor who provided top tier, structured sailing instruction throughout the course. I became a confident sailor and had a great time doing it under the sun in the Florida Keys. Highly recommend."

Neil Brown and Noah Grayson respectively, via Capt. Joe Mastrangelo, President

YMCA of South Florida

Homestead After-School Program



On behalf of the YMCA of South Florida's Irving & Beatrice Peskoe Elementary After-school Program, I wish to humbly thank the Ocean Reef Community Foundation. Your gracious grant funding is used to provide scholarships for the families of over 30 students that are facing financial hardship in the Homestead community.

On a daily basis these students receive a nutritious snack, homework assistance, project-based learning, literacy, physical fitness, cultural and character education enrichment activities that provide a wholesome approach to each student's academic and social-emotional wellbeing.

Alice-Lydia Bird, M.B.A, Vice President of Youth Development

Upper Keys After-School & Summer Programs

Thank you Ocean Reef, because of your partnership and contributions the Upper Keys YMCA Program Center was able to help Key Largo families financially and provide their children a safe place for the summer. Children were able to attend camp without their parents feeling like it was a financial burden. Campers were able to enjoy making friends, attend Field Trips like Biscayne National Park, a Marlins Baseball game and even go to the Zoo. Thank you for allowing children to experience a memorable and safe summer!



Karla Crique, AVP of Family Services



35 Ocean Reef Drive, Suite 148
Key Largo, Florida 33037

FIRST CLASS MAIL
PRESORTED
US POSTAGE PAID
MIAMI, FL
PERMIT NO. 3203

Our Mission

To foster a culture of giving that amplifies our collective strength, inspiring generations of members to make Ocean Reef and our surrounding communities a better place.

305-367-4707

foundation@
oceanreef.com

JUST BREATHE



By Richard Weinstein, ORCF President

Relax, we don't need to rescue anyone. In fact, your Ocean Reef Community Foundation is doing quite well. We now have more dollars in Donor Advised Funds than at anytime in the past, and that means more opportunities to support the organizations that are important to the Membership

at Ocean Reef. We are also seeing a strong trend in our fundraising efforts through the All Charities Auction Weekend and that is what started me thinking about breathing.

It is what each of us do all the time, every day, mostly unconsciously and sometimes with purpose and focus. Those times of great focus are noted as some of the most beneficial as it is used for meditation and mindfulness. But this is not medical advice. It is a metaphor. We breathe in and out and as it turns out, so does your Ocean Reef Community Foundation.

The difference is that we breathe ... money. I know that sounds very

odd, but think about it, through the All Charities "One Ask, One Give" initiative we do all the fundraising in a single weekend. That is one big long inhale. Without it, without this form of "oxygen" we could not survive. And along with us, our recipient partners – The Medical Center, Cultural Center, Art League, Academy, ORCAT and OR Conservation Association – would also struggle, as would the many charities that we support in our surrounding communities.

And then we exhale ... the net proceeds of all of those funds that we raise are then distributed. For that we have a Grants Committee. This committee is comprised of Ocean Reef Members who spend months reviewing, vetting and finally determining exactly how to distribute the funds outside of Ocean Reef. They are deliberate and detailed in their review and spend countless hours reading each grant application and carefully considering if it meets the criteria and mission for the Foundation.

So just as The Police sing about the importance of this in *Every Breath You Take*, this one big breath makes a meaningful difference for the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, and you make that possible.

DON'T LET TIME FLY AWAY WITH YOUR TAX DEDUCTION!

Open a fee-free, named Charitable Fund **by December 31** to get your 2023 tax deduction and all the time you need to decide how to best distribute your charitable gifts.



oceanreefcommunityfoundation.org



@oceanreefcommunityfoundation



@hearttofoceanreef



@ocean-reef-community-foundation