

# The All Charities Countdown: Imagine the Possibilities!



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Final details for the **Feb. 2 and 3 All Charities Weekend (ACW)** and its Live and Silent auctions are rapidly coming into focus and **online bidding and "First Dibs" open a week from today.** It's time to gather your wits, and a team if so desired, to prepare strategies so that when that catalog arrives in your Jan. 26 *Ocean Reef Press*, you can begin transforming the possibilities you find there into reality.

Outline your strategy or gather your syndicate together, whether it's for travel, or a party, or cases

of wine, and get ready to help Ocean Reef to accomplish what it has repeatedly proven it does so well: **Bid early, often, and outrageously, all for a great cause.**

From gourmet gatherings, phenomenal golf rounds, fabulous fishing, spectacular cruises, and cultural opportunities here and abroad, to shopping sprees from the practical to the extravagant, artworks, wines, and jewelry, every Ocean Reef member can find a way to take part.

**If you'd prefer to keep it simple,** then simply *Support What Touches Your Heart*, one of this season's new categories. Or if you're seeking the nexus of exclusivity, luxury, and rarity, consider the offerings in the new *Imagine the Possibilities* category . . . around the world by private jet; sitting among the nominees at the 2025 Oscars; a 10+-carat diamond ring; or five nights for 48 guests on a private island in the Caribbean.

**Imagine:** Multiple options to travel the world, for wine, for food, for golf. The Mediterranean. The

Indian Ocean. The South Pacific. So many of the offerings are more than meals or adventures to be had, wines consumed, or miles to be traveled – they're **opportunities to deepen friendships and strengthen our Ocean Reef community.**

**Rather bid singly or as a pair without leaving The Reef?** Then how about some private yoga, or monthly massages at the Spa, or having Chef Jared or Chef Philippe prepare a dinner for 10 in your home? Sign on for the Studio 54 in 2024 party when the A-list Celebrities from the Angelfish, Tarpon, Spadefish, and Dolphin neighborhood will take over Carysfort in November to kick off the All Charities season. Or plan to play golf or tennis or pickleball, invest in a bike or an inflatable paddleboard. Go birdwatching. See John Fogerty or Don Felder here at the Cultural Center, or Les Miz at the Adrienne Arsht Center.

**Why do we do this?** To enable the Ocean Reef Community Foundation's distribution of financial grants to assist thousands

of our neighbors in Key Largo, Homestead and Florida City plus local entities vital to Ocean Reef: The Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT and Conservation Association. Thanks to everyone's generosity, over \$63 million has been distributed since 2008.

**For your calendar:** Next Friday morning, online bidding. Friday evening a week later, Feb. 2, Wine & Bourbon Tasting & Silent Auction Showcase. Saturday daytime, Burgers, Beers & Bidding, a NetJets display, and a Lazzara Yacht viewing. And Saturday night: Dinner, dancing and the Live Auction. And at 10:30 p.m., the close of online bidding.

Questions? Visit [oceanreefcommunityfoundation.org](https://oceanreefcommunityfoundation.org), or contact All Charities at 305-367-5996 or [AllCharities@OceanReef.com](mailto:AllCharities@OceanReef.com).

With All Charities at T minus two weeks, it's time to imagine the possibilities, prioritize, strategize, and when the moment arrives, ACT!