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Ocean Reef Community Foundation Grants: Empowering Communities One Donation at a Time

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Executive Director ORCF - Yurianna Mikolay and Executive Director Three Virtues - Alpha H. Fleurimond.

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On April 17th, 2024, the Ocean Reef Community Foundation (ORCF) opened its doors to 79 organizations for a luncheon and distributed the grant funding they were awarded for the 2024 grant cycle. These organizations were gifted with a one-year grant term and received between \$5,000 to \$50,000.

ORCF was founded in 1994 to give Ocean Reef residents an avenue to achieve their philanthropic goals and support Ocean Reef and surrounding communities. Since 2008, ORCF has awarded more than \$18.3 million to support causes, including education, youth, health & family services, and community, focusing on the areas from Homestead to the Upper Keys.

Homestead's Three Virtues Organization, Inc.'s (3V) executive director, Alpha Fleurimond and his wife, Gardia, were among the attendants. 3V has been serving the community since 2012, and its mission is to help and improve the lives of minority families through self-empowerment, education, and advocacy. After dealing with a failing freezer unit at their food pantry, they submitted a proposal request to ORCF to fund their "ChillAid: The Frosty Fridge" project. They were awarded \$5,224.00 for the purchase of a new freezer unit for their food pantry.

"The freezer will allow us to provide more frozen and fresh food options to our participants, and we will be able to keep the food fresh for longer," stated Alpha Fleurimond. "It is great that we (3V) can partner with Ocean Reef Community Foundation, and we encourage all future opportunities to continue it."

For more information on the Ocean Reef Community Foundation and its community grant, please visit <https://oceanreefcommunityfoundation.org> Also, if you need food assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Three Virtues Organization, Inc. via email at threevirtues@yahoo.com or by phone at 786-512-2670. They distribute food on the second Friday of each month; the next distribution will be on May 10th, 2024. The pantry is located behind the Homestead Housing Office, 15951 SW 292nd Terr #3 in Homestead.

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