

While Spending Your Summer Vacation, Please Keep All Charities Weekend in Mind!



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It's official: Summer has arrived!

So as with previous summers, while you're out and about over these next few months, a favor: **please consider what you can donate** to ensure the success of the Silent and Live Auctions to be held **All Charities Weekend (ACW), Jan. 31– Feb. 2, 2025** (earlier than the event has ever been). The season's theme is LIMITLESS (Purpose – Passion – Progress).

To get you started, consider 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, and open your mind and heart to innovative ideas and offerings.

Here are some already confirmed items to get your creative juices flowing:



The "Kenya Safari Experience" was such a "roaring" success in the 2022 All Charities Live Auction that it sold three times. This photo was taken at the David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage in Nairobi. Pictured in the photo are Meigan and Timothy Jared, Leslie and Jack Phillips, Margaret Fauber and Joyce Neely, with hosts Diane and Keith Hill.

An **Amsterdam** adventure (think "tulips," "amazing museums," and a wealth of All Charities surprises);

Once more, a golf enthusiasts' package for four to witness **Augusta Golf** the second weekend in April (a rare second chance for those whose bids came up short this past February);

Back by popular demand, a **Kenyan safari** hosted by **Diane and Keith Hill** (this package hasn't been offered in a while, mostly because it sold THREE times in the 2022 Live Auction); and...

A six-night all-inclusive **Colorado Ranch Retreat** for up to 30 people at a Member-owned private 2500-acre resort ranch situated on over two miles of the Elk River. Formerly a Relais & Chateaux resort AND an Orvis-endorsed lodge, this magnificent property outside

Steamboat Springs is now completely private, with totally rebuilt and redesigned guest cabins, a massive main lodge, and fitness center. Fly-fish the river or stocked ponds, hike, go horseback riding or lounge on the beach, witness the intrigue and wonder of a working ranch (complete with herding and birthing of livestock), and allow the brilliant chef to create memorable menus tailored to your tastes in a literal farm-to-table experience (you can pick your own produce from the ranch's three greenhouses) – a phenomenal once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Why the Plug, & Why Now?

Through the years, wonderful items and unique Member-curated experiences have helped the Ocean Reef Community Foundation (ORCF) foster miracles. 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, Conservation Association, and Ocean Reef Chapel Foundation. Every contribution to ACW – no matter how large or small – makes a difference.

Summertime donations enable ORCF to leverage other contributions and

build momentum toward its fundraising goals. That you're willing to take action to support All Charities is a powerful and inspiring message to (and example for) others. And it's a gracious and generous way to allow the All Charities team the breathing room needed 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 \$70 million since 2008, enabling ORCF to pass more than \$23 million into our neighboring communities, providing financial grants with an emphasis on youth, education, community, and health and family services. 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 and making a positive difference.

So dream. Brainstorm. Make a difference. Act now.

When inspiration strikes, please don't wait: Call the All Charities office at 305-367-5996 to share your ideas; the staff is there to help breathe life into your brainchild. Have some fun while doing good well before the deadline looms (details on items to be included in the print catalog will be due before Thanksgiving).

To learn more, visit oceanreefcommunityfoundation.org.



Ocean Reef Club Members Alexis and Alex Rogers donated an exciting London adventure to the All Charities Live Auction for the past two years. Pictured here are the 2023 winning bidders, Anne Marie and Murray Peretz, with Bonny and Rob Gothier, dressing the part at the Goodwood Revival.