

Calling for Wine Donations (When it Pours, All Charities Reigns)

Extraordinary items and packages are already coming together for this season's All Charities Weekend's live and silent auctions (aka ACW; in **2025, Jan. 31-Feb. 2**). Yet, while each year's ACW proves an amazing community-building event, there's always room to expand.

To that end, **do you have some wine to share?** Your generous contributions make a genuine impact and every drop counts (see below for "how to" details). Several of the best loved traditions of ACW revolve around wine (and



notably fine spirits).

In the beginning:

The creation of All Charities, a means of helping local charity partners on and off The Reef, was inspired by wine, beginning as the Ocean Reef Community Foundation (ORCF) Wine Auction Dinner in 1999 with a lovely donation

of an extraordinary collection. As a founding cornerstone of this annual phenomenon, wine continues to play a pivotal role in our journey to make a difference.

From those roots, ACW has evolved. From the chance to bid on dinners right here at Ocean Reef, through the Saturday night gala and live auction of highly coveted items, wine enthusiasts can take advantage of extraordinary opportunities to swirl, sniff, and sip in the exclusive company of celebrated winemakers; embark on culinary journeys pairing fabulous chefs' creations with some of the world's finest wines; or win adventures steeped in centuries-old winemaking traditions while exploring renowned vineyards at home and abroad, delivering an intoxicating blend of culture, history, and, of course, fine wine. Or, if savoring wine at home with your loved ones is your happy place, the All Charities silent auction "Cheers" category offers a treasure trove of remarkable bottles promising unique journeys of taste and terroir.

An ensemble effort:

While wine plays a large and enduring role in ACW, however, it is not the weekend's only star. The live and silent auctions offer multiple other categories and priceless opportunities too, from family-



Mike Jones and Mike Berman at the Silent Auction.

oriented adventures to sports, jewelry, culture, and more, close to home and around the world.

Since 2008, together we have raised over \$71 million, enabling ORCF to provide a multitude of local financial grants focused on youth, education, community, health, and family services outside the gates, improving lives in our neighboring communities, as well as here at Ocean Reef via our not-for-profit institutions (the Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT, Conservation Association, and new this season, the Chapel).

How to:

We'll gladly pay for packaging and shipping for your wine donation. To give to this season's All Charities Auction, please contact Lesa Crayne or Amy Cornaire at 305-367-5996 or via email at allcharities@oceanreef.com.

All Charities loves to wine, and with the help of many, ACW will offer plenty to wine about! So, let's prepare to raise a glass or two while having fun and raising funds: Here's to good health, giving hearts, fortifying friendships, and making the world a better place, All Charities style. And, as always, thank you for your support!