

All Charities Offers Limitless Opportunities



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Let us ponder things that are **LIMITLESS:**

The sky.
Creativity ... Imagination ...
Resourcefulness.
The generosity of Ocean Reef ... and

The theme for this season's All Charities Weekend (ACW).

(The time between now and ACW, however – this season, **Friday, January 31 – Sunday, February 2**, being earlier than

ever – is not limitless).

Why LIMITLESS? It's a theme inspired by the purpose, passion, and progress of the cherished nonprofits we support – those on The Reef that enable our "unique way of life" (the Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT, Conservation Association, and Chapel and Fellowship Center), and those that raise up the youth, families, and health of our neighboring communities in Key Largo, Homestead, and Florida City.

LIMITLESS demonstrates that there are no bounds to what is possible in our community, explain this year's ACW chairs **Lori and Brad Young**. As they work to finalize offerings for the Live Auction, oversight of the Silent Auction is being handled by **Meg and Pat**

Shields. Already, dozens of items in every category (from sports, jewelry, culture, and adventures close to home and around the world to be experienced with family and/or friends, to delicious – and many, rare – wines and spirits, and more) have been donated, promising to boggle the mind.

Purpose: All Charities, as a function of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation (ORCF), provides substantial means to help local charity partners on and off The Reef, as referenced above. The means to live up to ORCF's mission statement, *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*, is generated most consistently through ACW.

Passion: The community's enthusiasm for ACW has evolved from roots first planted at a 1999 wine dinner to a full weekend that begins with a Friday evening Silent Auction preview and wine and bourbon tasting through weekend events in the Marina and at the Airport, concluding with the Saturday night gala dinner dance and exciting live auction of highly coveted items. Through it all, the contagious energy builds.

Progress: Two and a half decades on, All Charities has grown from that wine dinner

conceived to minimize the fundraising undergone each season (nearly 30 events at that time), into a full weekend of LIMITLESS possibilities. Thanks to ACW, back in 2009 ORCF awarded resulting Community Grants totaling \$365,000; by this past spring, over \$22 million had been passed through to our neighbors with more than \$71 million raised. At that same time, for the second year in a row, ORCF distributed record-breaking funds in excess of \$2,000,000 via its Community Grants program.

Like each new season at The Reef, ACW's potential is LIMITLESS. As the 2024-2025 season gets rolling, don't miss the opportunity to try new things, meet new friends, explore the possibility for new adventures.... More importantly, don't miss being a part of All Charities: Donate something for one of the auctions, or go in with friends to create a package to go up on the block, and plan to take part in ACW when it arrives.

If you have questions about how to donate to or buy from this season's All Charities Auction, please contact Lesa Crayne or Amy Cornaire at 305-367-5996 or via email at allcharities@oceanreef.com.



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