

All Charities' Legacy of Generosity



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Ever wonder what, exactly, sustains The Reef's "unique way of life"?

Vision. Creativity. Commitment. Tradition. Legacy. And a limitless spirit of generosity.

Which brings us to Thanksgiving, which fast approaches, and **this season's All Charities Weekend** (ACW, this season, **January 31 – February 2**), also fast approaching.

As ACW and its 2025 LIMITLESS theme come together, there is **so much for which All Charities and the Ocean Reef Community Foundation (ORCF) are grateful:**

The **foresight** of the ORCF's and ACW's earliest organizers in creating a cooperative means to sustain support for those entities significant to Ocean Reef's identity. Known as ACW's "Recipient Partners," they include the Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT, Conservation Association, and Chapel Foundation.

The **giving hearts** that enable ORCF to assist and empower the youth, families, and health

of our neighboring communities in Key Largo, Homestead, and Florida City via thoughtfully researched financial grants year upon year.

The **endurance** of a concept that expands upon itself season after season with packages for the Live and Silent auctions that range from what have become long-time favorites to mind-blowing new frontiers and experiences (more on those in the weeks to come!).

ACW's **Preferred Partners:** Baer's Furniture; Baptist Health South Florida; Barton & Gray Mariners Club; Ethan Dupree & the Burgundy House; Haute Explore Luxury Travel; John & Mary Lee Fine Wine Society; Lester Lampert Jewellers; Lexus of Kendall/Lexus of West Kendall; Marsh McLennan Agency Private Client Services; NetJets; Northern Trust; Ocean Reef Club Sotheby's International Realty; Seabourn Cruise Line; and Somerset Charters, who through their steadfast support, cash and auction item donations, make it possible for ORCF to give *100 percent of the donations made by Club Members to non-profits.*

The **apparently limitless creativity and dynamism of legacy**, as evidenced by those second-generation Members who are stepping up to take the All Charities helm for ACW's for years to come: This season's chairs, **Lori and Brad Young**; in 2026, **Meg and Pat Shields**; and in 2027, **Patty and Tom**

Davidson Jr. with co-chairs **Maddy and Brad Williams.** Their commitment models roots fortifying the future.

Finally, this community's continued backing, from the annual dues check-off, 100 percent of which stays on the Reef to support ACW's Recipient Partners, through the final paddle raise at ACW's Saturday night gala, 100 percent of which will be dedicated for ORCF grants to our neighboring communities.

Some history: All of the above testifies to the purpose, passion, and progress of ACW and ORCF. Conceived in 2008, ACW is ORCF's annual fundraising event and means to strengthen non-profit entities here at The Reef and provide substantial support to non-profit organizations in Monroe and Dade counties. For context, in 2009, ORCF awarded Community Grants totaling \$365,000; by the spring of 2024, ORCF distributed record-breaking funds in excess of \$2 million via its Community Grants program for the second year in a row. In total, more than \$71 million has been raised, with over \$22 million passed through to our neighbors.

If you have questions about how to be a part of this season's All Charities Weekend, please contact Lesa Crayne or Amy Cornaire at 305-367-5996 or via email at allcharities@oceanreef.com.



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