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All Charities Enables Record Distributions

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Now that the dust has settled, you're probably wondering, "So how did All Charities Weekend go?" (That's ACW, held Jan. 31-Feb. 2).

Regarding which, Richard Weinstein, president and COO of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation (ORCF), recently announced, "The big news is that, thanks to this community's limitless generosity, All Charities is about to distribute over \$8 million! That's not only a result of record-breaking contributions by the Membership but also a testament to the importance of philanthropy at Ocean Reef.

With this we will distribute more money to our recipient partners [the Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT, Conservation Association, and Chapel and Fellowship Center], than ever."

But wait, there's more:

Weinstein went on to explain, "The question we are most often asked is 'How much of what we raise goes to support charities

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outside the gates? Thanks to updated agreements with those Ocean Reef non-profit organizations, as a result of this season's ACW, additionally, 25 percent MORE will be distributed beyond Ocean Reef than ever before. This includes over \$2.5 million in Community Grants to be selected through ORCF's Grants Committee."

In other words, the Foundation will be able to make its largest distribution to more youth, education, community, and health and family services organizations in Florida City, Homestead, and in the Upper Keys than ever. In addition, the monies will continue to enhance the Foundation's Impact Fund, instrumental in assisting such projects as Baptist Health's helipad, programs at the College of the Florida Keys and

others. Specifics regarding those distributions will be shared soon.

For making this possible, deep gratitude is due the 2025 All Charities Weekend chairs, **Lori and Brad Young**, Silent Auction chairs **Meg and Pat Shields**, their committees, and the All Charities staff. And, not to be forgotten: the support of all levels of Membership – Equity, Social, and Legacy – from the dues check-off to donations to their enthusiastic bidding, early, often, and high, over the course of ACW.

Thanks are due as well to ACW's 14 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), whose

steadfast support, through their cash and auction item donations, ensures 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.

Moving forward: After all is said and done, **Michael Berman**, Vice Chairman of ORCF, notes that "Just as important as how we did this year is how we can sustain this important success into the future. For that, we have the consistent support of our All Charities Steering Committee, which includes me, **Sarina Kinney, Sarah Cart, Mike Jones**, and two new members just added this year, **Kelly Jones**, whose decor and support in the wine auction has added a new dimension to the auction

experience, along with Lori Young, who with her husband, Brad, helped to deliver this season's fantastic results. When we combine this well-versed committee with our incoming Chairs Meg and Pat Shields and the following year's Chairs **Patty and Tom Davidson**, we are well positioned to continue this positive trajectory."

As has been highlighted multiple times since All Charities' 2008 beginnings, "This community has a tradition of making miracles happen." Once again, THANK YOU, OCEAN REEF!

To learn more about All Charities, call the office at 305-367-5996 or email AllCharities@OceanReef.com.

- Ocean Reef Community Foundation: \$2,507,104
- Ocean Reef Medical Center: \$1,859,147
- Ocean Reef Cultural Center: \$950,000
- Academy at Ocean Reef \$831,871
- Ocean Reef Art League \$415,935
- Ocean Reef Conservation Association: \$415,935
- ORCAT \$400,000
- Ocean Reef Chapel Foundation \$200,000

These listed amounts include \$100,000 in accelerated payments to ORCAT as part of a five-year Building Fund commitment. An additional \$500,000 has been reserved from the All Charities proceeds for Impact Fund projects in our surrounding communities. Previous Impact Fund projects have included the Baptist Helipad, construction of the Upper Keys Center for the College of the Florida Keys and, more recently, Upper Keys CFK scholarships. The Community Foundation will also provide additional financial support to the Chapel as part of a commitment to their new Fellowship Center.

Please see next week's edition of the Ocean Reef Press for the complete list of the 2025 ORCF Community Grant recipients.