

ALL CHARITIES

Whetting Your Appetite for All Charities' Live Auction



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In anticipation of All Charities Weekend (ACW, **Feb. 20-22**), you've already read about much of what will be available for your consideration, from sports-centric packages to just a few of the many Silent Auction offerings and the wide array of Showcase items.

But too, there is ACW's culminating event: the Live Auction at the **Saturday, February 21**, Gala, and this year's offerings feature a wide variety, right here on The Reef, across the U.S., and around the world. Can't be there in person? If something intrigues you, contact the All Charities office (305-367-5996 or allcharities@oceanreef.com) to place a proxy bid.

Locally, consider enhancing your personal space thanks to brand-new Preferred Partner Cetta Group with \$50,000 and design toward custom wine storage or outdoor kitchen, or Preferred Partner Baer's, with \$50,000 of new furniture. Or choose to invest in a fabulous, enchanted evening wining, dining, and finally, taking in an up-close-and-personal Matteo Bocelli concert. And/or buy a chance to upgrade your fleet of personal vehicles with a non-deductible \$1,000 raffle ticket to own a Lexus 2026 RX 350 (winner need not be present at the Live Auction drawing).

Off The Reef? Go for ten prepaid hours of (Preferred Partner) **NetJets** transportation; or four of you could fly roundtrip from The Reef to Augusta the second weekend in April for a VIP experience, including accommodations, to witness the top contenders vying for this year's green jacket; or a little farther afield, six of you can take in a bespoke three-day Napa Valley food and wine experience curated by (new) Preferred Partner Karen Crouse of Mount Veeder

Magic and return home with 288 personalized bottles of Cabernet Sauvignon; or much farther afield, but still domestic: eight of you, as five-day guests of another new Preferred Partner, Alaska's exclusive Steamboat Bay Club, can soak up a first-class experience pursuing king and silver salmon, halibut, and lingcod as whales surface in the distance and bald eagles sweep the treetops. Or across the globe? Picture these: The *two of you* at a Formula 1 race in Barcelona, or the Cannes Film Festival in the south of France dazzling the paparazzi with a pair of Preferred Partner Lester Lampert's Pirouette™ diamond chandelier earrings. *Four of you*, cruising the Mediterranean for 10 days, with a day at the Grand Prix in Monaco (thanks to new Preferred Partner Silversea); or 10 days hiking and biking through Vietnam, Cambodia,

and Laos (thanks to new Preferred Partner Butterfield & Robinson); or spending a week exploring Japan from golfing in the north to touring Mt. Fuji, making sushi, and fine dining in Tokyo; or six nights enjoying the very definition of "glamping" in two countries/two safari camps in Africa (those last thanks to Preferred Partner Haute Explore).

Six of you cruising for five days through the British Virgin Islands aboard Ziggy; or spending a week taking in the sights and wines of Portugal; or nearly a week being catered to by Preferred Partner Ethan Dupree at his Burgundy House in east-central France.

Eight of you enjoying more than a week relaxing in Tuscany and the Cinque Terre....

Whatever you decide, prepare to be intoxicated by the glamour of giving as you take part in what makes All Charities the Heart of Ocean Reef.

HAVING AN IMPACT, MAKING A DIFFERENCE

For nearly two decades, All Charities, as a function of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation (ORCF), has provided substantial funding to help local charity partners on and off The Reef – those nonprofits on The Reef that enable our "unique way of life" (aka "Recipient Partners" – 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.

How? The majority of the

monies are raised over All Charities Weekend (aka ACW), which celebrates and reinforces the Ocean Reef community; at the same time, ACW enables ORCF to fulfill its mission, *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.*

Additionally, a roster of elite Preferred Partners provides support to ORCF through cash and auction item donations that ensure that *100 percent of the financial donations made by Club Members* are available for ORCF's grants to non-profits.

The end result is that almost \$80 million has been raised over the course of ACW's history, with nearly \$25 million awarded beyond the gates.