

OCEAN REEF COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

ORCF Helps Deliver Fresh Food with New Feeding South Florida Truck

Ocean Reef Community Foundation leaders recently gathered at Greenberg Park for the ribbon cutting to celebrate a new Feeding South Florida truck made possible by a \$50,000 Community Grant covering half the cost. The new 53-foot refrigerated truck is maximizing



efficiency in delivering fresh food to Keys, Homestead and Florida City pantries. The generosity of ORC Members at All Charities Weekend, coming up **February 20-21**, helps make initiatives

like this possible.

Pictured left to right are ORCF's: Executive Director Yuri Mikolay, Grants Committee members **Linda Owens** and **Kathy Weiland**, Board Chair

Bill Nutt, Grants Committee member **Chris Covington**, Grants Committee Chair **Janie Sims**, Grants Committee member **Cindy Brammer**, and President Richard Weinstein.

Foundation Approves \$1,000,000 Impact Fund Grant for Homestead Hospital Expansion

In a recent Board of Directors meeting, the Ocean Reef Community Foundation approved a \$1 million grant in advance of the groundbreaking for the much-needed Homestead Hospital expansion. Homestead Hospital serves as a crucial healthcare lifeline for Homestead and the Keys, which are isolated from major medical centers and advanced services. With the population of Homestead expected to grow by 50,000 over the next few years, Baptist Health has committed to a transformational \$200 million investment to ensure that Homestead's healthcare infrastructure not only keeps pace with growth, but offers state-of-the-art services on par with those found



Draft conceptual rendering.

in urban centers.

The vision includes adding 72 beds and a new Outpatient Care Center featuring an additional emergency department, diagnostic center, and critical physician practices nearby. Along with an ambitious physician and specialist recruitment plan, the project will significantly expand primary care, diagnostic, treatment and surgical capabilities in the area. The expansion will also enable Baptist Health to bring the specialized, advanced care of its Cancer, Cardiac & Vascular, Neuroscience, and Orthopedic Institutes closer to home for residents of Homestead, Ocean Reef Club and all of the Florida Keys. Ocean Reef will further benefit from more specialists with closer access through the

Ocean Reef Medical Center.

The Impact Fund allows ORCF to focus on larger, one-time financial needs in the surrounding area. Impact Grants support programs and capital needs that are beyond the scope of the annual Community Grants program and have a longer-term impact to Ocean Reef and the nearby communities. Member generosity at the annual All Charities Weekend is the driving source of funding for Impact Projects. Past projects have included the Baptist Hospital Helipad, and more recently, the Building Bridges Scholarship for the College of the Florida Keys and important construction for the ARC of South Florida in Florida City.

A total of \$25 million in philanthropy is needed to begin

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the first phase of construction slated for fall of this year. Since the Foundation's \$1 million commitment, members who recognize the importance of this expansion have joined in with significant additional donations. Ocean Reef as a whole is showing an early and generous start at 10 percent of the initial \$25 million required now committed.

All Charities Weekend begins with the Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Preview on **February 20** at 4:00 p.m. in Carysfort Hall. This year's auction catalogue is now in your hands! Your participation and support will continue to advance important large-scale philanthropic projects like this one for Baptist, as well as the annual distributions to all the not for profit organizations at Ocean Reef and the Charities in Florida City, Homestead and the Upper Keys.