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"For it is in giving that we receive" -St. Francis Assisi

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Time to do Great Things Together!

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**Reef Royale All Charities
Weekend (ACW)** is here –
time to embrace the glamour of
giving!

As of this morning, **36
hours remain to make
dreams come true** (not only

your own, but also those of
so many who depend on the
youth, education, community,
and health and family services
organizations in Florida
City, Homestead, and in
the Upper Keys that benefit
from thoughtfully researched
financial grants awarded by
the Ocean Reef Community
Foundation, aka ORCF).

So.

Review the auction catalog
(hard copy from last week's
Ocean Reef Press or online at
bidORC.org), and as you are

out and about, look around ...
those people you see – your
friends, neighbors, and fellow
Members – they are your
RIVALS until the last gavel

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drops and the auctions close tomorrow night.

In case you need it stated more clearly: **The moment to get competitive has arrived!**

That means, act NOW! Execute your game plan. Decide what to bid on and, where fitting, with whom. **Your engagement and determination will drive this weekend's success.**

Come taste the wine (and some bourbons, too): Come to Carysfort Hall between 4 and 7 p.m. today for the weekend's official opening. For just \$50 (or included in the ACW ticket you've

already purchased), taste and vote for the wines to be featured in Ocean Reef's dining establishments for the next 12 months while enjoying the first eyes-on occasion to examine the marvelous Silent Auction selections.

Browse. Marvel. **Bid.** Taste. Vote. Revisit. **Bid** again. Sip. Chat. Laugh. Connect. **Remember: You want to WIN!** **Bid** anew. Have fun. Do good. **Bid** some more.

Return Saturday between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., and enjoy complimentary "Burgers, Beers and Bidding" from noon to 2 p.m. Continue browsing, connecting, and bidding. Leave yourself time Saturday between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to visit the display of NetJets aircraft at

the Airport and/or, if you have a reservation, tour Barton & Gray's offerings at the Fuel Dock.

Need a belated Valentine's gift? Whenever Carysfort is open from 4 p.m. today through 2 p.m. **Sunday, February 22**, Chicago's full-service jeweler Lester Lampert will be there with beautiful pieces that just might fill the bill (no matter the price tag, Lester will donate 20 percent back to All Charities).

Keep track of your bids at bidORC.org. The Silent Auction remains open throughout Saturday dinner and closes at the end of the Live Auction. The highest bidders at that time will be the winners (you need not be present to win) and can be identified at "My Bids" on the bidding site. Item pick-up will be between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Sunday at Carysfort Hall.

The point of it all: ACW began in 2008 as ORCF's primary fundraising event to strengthen the non-profit entities here on The Reef (The Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT, Conservation Association, and Chapel & Fellowship Center, known as ORCF's "Recipient Partners") and provide substantial support to non-profit organizations in Monroe and Dade counties. Thanks to the incredibly open hearts of Ocean Reef, over \$80 million has been raised through the years.

(Now: Go check your bids, and RAISE them!)

Questions? Reach out to the team in the All Charities office at 305-367-5996 or allcharities@oceanreef.com.