How Did You Spend Your Summer Vacation?

Let your answer – wine-ing, dining, golfing or other – benefit All Charities

While we all love Ocean Reef dearly, the wonderful reality is that we are lucky enough to have other cherished places in our lives.

So. Did you spend your summer someplace special? Have opportunities to play golf, tennis or pickleball? Embark on an extraordinary sail embraced by gentle breezes or motor out of a cove to watch the sunset? Watch a total eclipse? Sip a fine wine or savor a lovely bourbon? Go horseback riding on a beach? Something else that was fantastic?

A favor: For the benefit of the auctions to be held over this coming season's All Charities Weekend (ACW - **Friday, February 19 through Sunday, February 21**), provide others the opportunity to bid on a stay at your special place, experience something like your best summer adventure, pursue their version of your favorite hobby, or taste a meal that rivals the most delicious one you had this summer. Let ACW's 2027 theme, "A Legacy of Giving: Lighting the Way for Future Generations," inspire you to use connections to make positive impacts in the lives of others.

Why: The Ocean Reef Community Foundation (ORCF) plays a crucial role in day-to-day happenings on The Reef, and ACW fuels the vast majority of ORCF's endeavors. These include sustained support for the non-profit entities instrumental to maintaining Ocean Reef's Unique Way of Life (the Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT, Conservation Association, and Chapel and Fellowship Center). But too, ACW makes possible life-changing distributions beyond the gate in the form of grants to assist and empower the youth, families and health of the Reef's neighboring communities in Key Largo, Homestead and Florida City.

What: "Since 2008, together we have raised $88.5 million, nearly $23.5 million of which has been delivered to our neighboring communities. The tremendous success of ACW 2026 was a huge part of that, thanks to Members at every level – Equity, Social and Legacy," notes Richard Weinstein, ORCF's President and Chief Operating Officer. "With preparations for ACW 2027 well under way, we are focused on creating a fun weekend with exciting experiences in our live and silent auction that will provide an opportunity for the Membership to make this season's ACW even more successful!"

YOU are invited to be a part of this, help others and make a meaningful difference.

How? DONATE (for ideas, see Paragraph two, above). Everything from the dues check-off to each donation boosts the bottom line and increases the potential for ORCF grants to transform lives and communities. You can be a part of that with your contribution, from practical to priceless, under any one of multiple categories, from family-oriented adventures to sports, jewelry, culture and more, close to home and around the world.

When? Now. Excitement is already building as ACW 2027 chairs **Patty** and **Tom Davidson Jr.**, assisted by Silent Auction 2027 chairs **Mary Farmer, Peggy Johns** and **Amy Joseph**, and dozens of others, develop new auction items and exciting plans for that February weekend. This year's "A Legacy of Giving" theme has special resonance for the five chairs, each of whom began their Ocean Reef story as a Legacy Member and are now Equity Members.



The "Cheers" section of the All Charities catalog is always filled with exceptional wines, many of them generously donated by fellow Members.



Ocean Reef Member and All Charities auction winner George Blaha treated friends to a spectacular day on the water aboard the Reel Hawk, generously donated by Pack St. Clair. The fishing couldn't have been better - everyone hooked a sailfish, with an impressive eight caught and released throughout the day.

Additionally, ACW's Preferred Partners are working on offerings that will fully underwrite the costs of the **Saturday, February 20** black-tie gala so that 100 percent of Members' gifts and auction purchases can be put to direct use in support of ORCF's mission. This includes Impact Fund projects such as the Baptist Helipad, construction of the Upper Keys Center for the College of the Florida Keys, the Building Bridges scholarship program for CFK and, most recently, a $1 million commitment to the expansion of Baptist Health Homestead Hospital. When unforeseen circumstances strike, ORCF has also responded nearly in real time to urgent needs arising from crises ranging from earthquakes and hurricanes to pandemics.

As you drink a toast to the conclusion of your summer vacation, consider giving a thought to how (and following up) to make good in the wake of your having had fun – thank you! Remember, the legacy of giving helps light the way for future generations.

For additional information, or to contribute to this season's All Charities Auction, please contact Lesa Crayne or Amy Cornaire at 305-367-5996 or via email at allcharities@oceanreef.com.

Just as ACW plays a large role in fueling ORCF each season, year upon year *wine* plays a large part in fueling ACW. To that end, YOUR wine donation can make this season's All Charities Weekend an even greater success. The All Charities office will gladly pay for packaging and shipping for your wine donation.