

# Catwalk Star Accepts 2010 Foundation Grant for GACC

## Foundation Announces 2010 On & Off Reef Community Grant Distributions

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On April 13 at the Grayvik Animal Care Center, Catwalk Star **Digger Davidson** accepted a check from Ocean Reef Foundation Chairman **Alan Goldstein**, thus marking the start of the Foundation's annual grant disbursements to worthy charities on and off Ocean Reef. GACC is just one many Ocean Reef Charities and dozens of Reef Charities that will benefit from this year's successful "All Charities Weekend" held in early February.

"All Charities Weekend" encompasses three separate events over one weekend that allow members to support charities community wide. The Wine Tasting & Auction Preview Party was held Friday evening, Feb. 12, and, for the first time, included a live Wine Auction. Saturday afternoon, Feb. 13, a magic show, live music and live auction made The Auction Day Celebration a joy for members young and old. And, to complete the two-day event, the elegant



Photo by Stacey Szymanski

Catwalk Star **Digger Davidson** shakes "paws" with Ocean Reef Foundation Chairman **Alan Goldstein** (left) while receiving a grant check for GACC. Also pictured are Grayvik Manager **Susan Hershey** (center) and Senior Vet Tech **Dana MacDonald** (right).

"The Magic of Giving" Gala was held Saturday evening.

All three events were well attended and netted almost \$1.4 million. Combined with the ORC Charity Check Off, the All Charities efforts produced an inspiring \$1,675,537 for the Combined Charities which include Ocean Reef's Academy, Art League,

Cultural Center, Conservation Association, Medical Center and Foundation. The distributions of these funds are made by the Foundation each April.

In addition to Combined Charities distributions, the Foundation will also make grants on The Reef to Ocean Reef's:

- Coast Guard Flotilla 13-04 - \$10,000
- Chapel at Ocean Reef - \$10,000
- Grayvik Animal Care Center - \$30,000
- Historical Society - \$5,000
- OR Employee Emergency Fund - \$10,000
- Library - \$3,000
- Volunteer Fire Department - \$5,000

This year's off The Reef recipients in the nearby communities of Homestead and Key Largo are:

### Foundation\* Grants to Off Reef Charities

American Red Cross	\$10,000
ARC Child Development Program	\$24,000
Burton Food Pantry	\$7,000
Coral Shores HS/Plantation Key Middle	\$7,000
Domestic Abuse Shelter	\$5,000
Feeding South Florida (formerly The Daily Bread)	\$30,000
FL Keys Children's Shelter	\$15,000
FL Keys Concert Band School Band Mentoring Program	\$3,000
FL Keys Council on the Arts	\$2,000
FL Keys Foster Adoptive Parents Association	\$4,000
Homestead Food Pantry	\$15,000
HospiceCare of SE Florida	\$5,000
Hospice VNA of the Florida Keys	\$15,000
Jacobs Aquatic Center	\$10,000
Keys Center Academy	\$10,000
KISS (Kids in Special Situations) Trust	\$5,000
Outward Bound	\$4,000
PATCHES	\$8,000
Shake-A-Leg	\$2,000
South Dade Child Care Center	\$30,000
Take Stock in Children	\$40,000
South Florida Urban Ministries	\$25,000
Wesley House Family Services	\$9,000
YMCA Homestead Summer Camp	\$20,000
YMCA Key Largo Summer Camp	\$30,000
YMCA Tennis Program	\$5,000
<b>Total Grants to Non Ocean Reef Charities</b>	<b>\$340,000</b>

\* A number of Ocean Reef Conservation Association Grants will also go off The Reef to benefit John Pennekamp State Park, Sanctuary Friends of the Florida Keys, Audubon Society of the Florida Keys, National Parks Conservation Association, The Billfish Foundation, South Florida national Parks Trust, Wildlife Foundation of Florida, International Gamefish Association, Florida Keys Turtle Hospital, Nature Conservancy, Coral Restoration Foundation and Ocean Reef Conservation Association Scholarships.

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A list of tentatively scheduled events for the 2010-2011 season is available by logging on to [oceanreef.com](http://oceanreef.com), placing the mouse over "Members Only" and selecting "Tentative Events '10 - '11". The calendar includes event dates (which are subject to change) for Ocean Reef Club and for the "many clubs within the Club" at Ocean Reef. The link will be updated weekly on Fridays as more events are scheduled.