All Charities, By the Numbers

While the “BIG” number is still being calculated, there are a few other significant numbers that All Charities Co-Chairman Michael Berman highlighted this past Saturday evening:

In was in 2008 that Tom Davidson and Alan Goldstein chaired the first Foundation Wine Auction. It was one of 27 charitable events… which averaged more than one a week for our 6 month season.

It was then that Tom and Alan formed Combined Charity partners or All Charities: one event that funds the Community Foundation, Medical Center, Cultural Center, Art League, The Academy and Ocean Reef Conservation Association.

This past year, with increased support from Ocean Reef Club and the Board of Directors, an unprecedented 2900 Member families have shown their support for All Charities though the voluntary check off.

In the last 8 years, we have been able to distribute $4.4 million through the Ocean Reef Community Foundation that has touched, improved and in some cases, saved lives in our surrounding communities.

We now make more grants outside the gates in one year than were made in the first ten years of the community grants program combined.

Last year thanks to the support of the Memberships and Partners, the Ocean Reef Community Foundation issued 47 grants totaling almost $800,000 which provided food, shelter, education, nutrition, transportation, mentoring, scholarships, safe havens, lifesaving equipment and dignity.

There is no number that can quantify that impact.

Over the next few weeks, the record-breaking accomplishments of 2016 will be published in the Ocean Reef Press, stay tuned for a few final numbers.