ORCF 2019 Community Grants Announced
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The Ocean Reef Community Foundation has announced more than $1.3 million in grants to nonprofit organizations serving Homestead, Florida City and the Upper Keys, thanks to the Ocean Reef community’s generous participation in the 2019 All Charities effort.

The All Charities effort is administered by the Foundation and will provide more than $3.5 million to Ocean Reef’s vital Medical and Cultural Centers, Academy, Art League, ORCAT, and Conservation Association, and a third gift of $100,000 for the Baptist Hospital Helipad at South Florida’s only comprehensive stroke center, this year.

After months of careful vetting, a Grants Committee of your peers has recommended the Foundation’s entire share of 2019 All Charities proceeds (combined with additional donations to the Community Grants Fund) be distributed as follows:

**ACT4Me**: Therapy for disabled children – $20,000
**ARC of South Florida**
- Two interactive educational screen panels and software – $9,200
- Two playground shade structures – $10,150
**Arsht Center for the Performing Arts**: Learning through the Arts curriculum and live performance field trip for 5th graders in Homestead and Florida City Title I schools – $10,000
**Autism Society of the Keys**: Technology and therapy for autistic youth – $10,000
**Branches Florida City**: Grow & Climb teen leadership development and employment mentoring program – $25,000
**Burton Memorial Methodist Church**
- Food pantry: Refrigerated truck usage to enable pick-up of perishable donations from local grocery stores – $6,000
- Preschool: Playground resurfacing – $15,000
**Camillus House**: CHEER educational initiative to assist 300+ homeless children in attending school and catching up with peers – $10,000
**Caring for Miami**: Project Smile Mobile Dental Unit visits for the Upper Keys, Homestead and...
Florida Keys Healthy Start

Centro Campesino: Specific expenses for youth STEM programs including computers and curriculum – $19,200

Chapman Partnership: Parent Institute at the Family Resource Center for families transitioning from homelessness – $10,000

Communities in Schools Miami: Bridges to Graduation & Beyond drop-out prevention program at Homestead Senior High School – $22,500

Domestic Abuse Shelter: Prevention programs for Upper Keys youth and training for key providers of youth services – $10,000

Early Learning Coalition: Early Childhood Education Conference for Monroe County childcare providers – $10,000

Feeding South Florida
• Food allocation for Burton Memorial United Methodist Church Food Pantry – $9,000
• Food allocation for St. Justin Martyr Food Pantry – $10,000
• Year-round ‘Backpack’ weekend meals for disadvantaged children in the Upper Keys preschools – $25,000

Florida Impact: Set-up expenses for an Afterschool Meal Program at Homestead Senior High School – $25,635

Florida Keys Area Health Education: In-school primary medical services program at Key Largo School and Coral Shores High School – $12,500

Florida Keys Children’s Shelter: Implementation of Recreation, Life Skills and Education Coaching Programs – $48,000

Florida Keys Community College
• Game Changer scholarship program for 10 Upper Keys Students – $40,000
• Expansion of Construction Trades Apprenticeships Program to the Upper Keys – $30,000
• Electrical Systems Upgrade to support new technology for Welding education – $27,500

Florida Keys Foster Adoptive Parents Association: Unfunded needs for children in Foster Care in the Upper Keys – $12,000

Florida Keys Healthy Start

Coalition
• Upper Keys Child Safety Equipment & Education program – $12,500
• Upper Keys Perinatal Mood & Anxiety Disorders programs – $10,000

Friends of the Seminole Theatre: A total of 30 partial and full scholarships to Seminole Junior Players theater programs – $13,500

Good Health Clinic: Pharmaceticals donation software and EKGs, colorectal screening kits and flu shots for medically vulnerable/disadvantaged patients – $6,740

Good Hope Equestrian Training Center: Endless Strides 10-week therapy program for two dozen people with disabilities – $10,000

Greater Miami Youth for Christ: Teen Indigenous Leaders development and employment mentoring program at West Homestead KIX – $25,000

Greater Miami Youth Symphony: Music lessons program at three schools in Homestead/Florida City – $10,000

Guidance Care Center: Safety and security renovations at the Keys central receiving facility for individuals in need of emergency mental health and substance use disorder care – $50,000

Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys: Contribution to building of 20+ additional affordable workforce-housing units – $75,000

Jacobs Aquatic Center: New A/C units, paint and repairs to the community room, fencing repair and replacement, and a lightning detector – $18,000

Key Largo School
• Summer Recreation program for up to 250 pre-K through 5th grade students – $35,000
• AVID college readiness program, college trips and teacher training – $9,700
• Art supplies and tools for the elementary art program – $2,700
• Reward therapy program for special needs students – $2,200
• Transportation for the 5th grade class to participate in the Arts Center Learning Through the Arts performance – $1,000

Kristi House: Match grant to secure a van need to provide more trauma services to youth in the Homestead area – $10,000

Miami Children’s Museum: STEAM Integration teacher training program for Homestead child development programs – $9,520 (MATCH REQUIRED)

Miami Dade College: Establishment of Hospitality Management Program at the Homestead Campus – $37,000

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind: Children’s Vision Program for 830 in both service areas – $10,000

MUJER: Breaking the Secret Workshops with University of Miami and follow-up therapy for 40+ abused children – $40,000

New Hope C.O.R.P.S.: Commercial equipment and appliances for residential outpatient facility kitchen renovation – $20,000

Paramount Dance: Partial scholarships for dance instruction for children from low-income families in Homestead – $6,000

ProjectArt: ProjectArt Miami’s youth art education program at the Homestead Public Library – $7,500

Reef Environmental Education Foundation: Project Nature Days summer field trips and environmental education for Florida Keys Children’s Shelter residents – $3,900

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church: Replacement of preschool windows and playground equipment – $23,324

South Florida Council of Boy Scouts: Scouting programs and expenses for disadvantaged youth in the Homestead area – $20,000

South Florida Science Museum & Aquarium: Science Passport educational program for at-risk Title 1 elementary school students in both areas – $25,000

Star of the Sea Outreach Mission: Food pantry programs at St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church Food Pantry – $28,000

Start Off Smart
• National PAL Youth Directors leadership and mentoring program at the Homestead Police Department’s Police Athletic League – $16,908
• Community Empowerment Project to coordinate programs with organizations serving youth to increase and encourage positive interaction, communication and collaboration between youth and law enforcement in Homestead – $17,073
• Police Academy Scholarship for a local youth committed to serving in Homestead – $7,500

Take Stock in Children: College scholarships (matched by the Florida Pre-Paid College Foundation) for Upper Keys mentor program students–$50,000

TIPS: Upper Keys youth basketball league – $6,000

Touching Miami with Love (Homestead Site)
• STEM curriculum and field trips – $10,630
• Summer Internship Program – $10,650

USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 13-04: Maintenance of the flotilla vessel – $13,000

United Way of the Florida Keys: Expansion of the Early Literacy Program to the Upper Keys for 80 preschool children – $9,000

VOICES for Florida Keys Children: Children’s Welfare Program to assist families through the 16th Judicial Court Guardian Ad Litem – $5,900

Wellspring Counseling: Counseling services for disadvantaged youth and families in the Homestead area – $16,000

YMCA of South Florida
• Drowning Prevention Program for 500 disadvantaged Homestead preschool children – $67,750
• Homestead Summer Learning Loss Prevention Camp – $17,500 (MATCH REQUIRED)
• Afterschool Program scholarships – $10,000 (MATCH REQUIRED)
• Key Largo Summer Camp and Afterschool Program scholarships – $53,000

Total 2019 Community Grants: $3,138,280

To learn more about the Community Grants program, 2019 Co-Investment Opportunities to complement partial grants, please call 305-367-4707 or email foundation@oceanreef.com.