During this season at The Reef, we are celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation in 1994. There will not be a tailgate party at the driving range or a reception at the Town Hall. Rather, we will celebrate by quietly going about what the Foundation has done through our entire 25-year history by helping to most effectively and efficiently organize and channel our Members’ philanthropic efforts to benefit both on The Reef and adjacent community charities.

I encourage you to visit our website to see a summary of some of the milestones along the road to our 25th Anniversary. As you read it, you will note that the Foundation’s history is inevitably linked to the history of the Club since it became Member-owned in 1993. In fact, it becomes clear as you read the timeline as well as the charts over the next few pages that the Foundation does the same things throughout its history but under different circumstances and, happily, in larger amounts. In short, the Foundation does what the Club or ORCA cannot do, which is to raise the funds necessary to respond to natural disasters, recognized needs for medical, cultural and academic facilities on The Reef, and to provide support for our neighboring communities.

During Vintage Weekend, we invited two couples from where we live in the summer, Marblehead, Massachusetts, to see our great community. As we did a tour of the Medical Center, Cultural Center, Town Hall, Academy, etc., the conversation turned to the role of a community foundation. Eventually we began to contrast how the Ocean Reef Community Foundation differs from the Essex County Community Foundation and many similar foundations.

Certainly, we share many similar organizational, governance, and tax-related characteristics. However, there are several meaningful differences. First, many local community foundations’ principal focus and efforts involve fundraising. Indeed, most staff members are essentially fundraisers, which is a laudable and necessary role. The ORCF does not conduct its own fundraising to make grants, but rather receives its funding as a participant in the All Charities effort we created to enable all our on The Reef nonprofits to focus on their missions instead of fundraising while limiting solicitations in the community.

Thanks to the All Charities fundraising efforts, our Board of Directors, single staff person Executive Director Yuri Mikolay, and all of those who volunteer their time with us can focus on the best and most effective use of donations. Over the last dozen years, All Charities giving has efficiently supported on The Reef institutions and, to a growing extent, charities in our surrounding communities where our ORC and ORCA Associates live and, importantly, where ORC and its members are by far the largest source of philanthropic giving.
In 2011 the Foundation started tracking grants in a new, more detailed format and we now have almost nine years of comparable information to present to the community. We've included an overview of recent overall Foundation giving, as well as more detail on member giving through our Donor Advised Charitable Funds.

**Community Foundation Recent Giving Details – 2011-2019**

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**Cumulative Grant Total**

- **$9,906,205**
- **2011-2019**

In short, our Foundation and its DAF participants have similar philanthropic goals as they might in their Northern communities, but the ORCF goes about raising and channeling funds in a different manner which is more fitting and appropriate for our unique circumstances at The Reef.

The Foundation’s goals for the next 25 years and beyond are largely the same as when the ORCF was organized in 1994. We seek to most effectively and efficiently help our Members meet their philanthropic goals both on and, to a growing extent, off The Reef in our neighboring communities. Please stop by the office or call me or any of our officers and directors with any questions or suggestions you may have for our second quarter century.
2020 PREVIEW

2020 Co-Chairs – Cindy Brammer, Tim Brammer and MaryAnn Larkin

MEMORIES FROM 2019 ALL CHARITIES WEEKEND

Online auction Jan. 31 - Feb. 8 BidORC.org

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7
Opening Night Wine Tasting
Silent Auction Showcase
4 – 7 p.m. | Carysfort Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
Silent Auction Showcase
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Carysfort Hall

Burgers, Beers & Bidding
Compliments of Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce
Noon – 2 p.m. | Carysfort Hall

NetJets Aircraft Display
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Ocean Reef Airport

Cocktails and Silent Auction
5:30 p.m. | Carysfort Hall

Dinner, Live Auction and Dancing
7 p.m. | Town Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9
Silent Auction Item Pick Up
9 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Carysfort Hall

Thank you
Luisa Bryan and Roy Sutton Co-Chairs and the
2019 All Charities Weekend Committee

Ocean Reef All Charities Information
305-367-5996
allcharities@oceanreef.com
The Ocean Reef Community Foundation has awarded more than $38,527,266 to nonprofits in Homestead and Florida City as well as the Upper Keys, thanks to the Ocean Reef community’s generous participation in the 2019 All Charities effort.

### 2019 All Charities Partner Leaders

- **Ocean Reef President John Hunt**
- **Cultural Center at Ocean Reef Chair Barbara Olcott**
- **Ocean Reef Art League President Steven Techet**

### 2019 All Charities Effort Report

#### General Information
- **2019 Total:** $4,892,567
- **2012 Year Total:** $4,244,141

#### Key Highlights
- **Total ($):**
  - $10,000
  - $648,426
  - $4,892,567
  - $38,527,266

### ORCF Community Grants to Homestead, Florida City and Upper Keys Charities

The Ocean Reef Community Foundation has awarded 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.

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

#### ORCMe Community Grants to Homestead, Florida City and Upper Keys Charities

- **Florida Keys Children’s Shelter**
  - **Implementation of Recreation, Life Skills and Education Coaching Programs in the Upper Keys:** $48,000

- **Florida Keys College Community**
  - **Scholarships for 10 Upper Keys Students:** $40,000
  - **Expansion of Construction Trades Apprenticeship 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**
  - **Unresourced needs for Foster Care Infants 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 full and half scholarships for Seminole Theatre patrons:** $13,000

- **Good Health Circles**
  - **Pharmaceuticals donation software and EDUcational school for medically vulnerable/disabled targeted patients:** $6,740

- **Good Hope Equine Training Center**
  - **Endless Stables 10 week therapy program for two dozen people with disabilities:** $10,000

- **Greater Miami Youth for Christ**
  - **Twin Indigenous Leaders development and employment mentoring program at Homestead KiDS Program:** $25,000

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

- **Guidance Care Center**
  - **Safety and security innovations at the Keys center serving facility for individuals in need of emergency mental health care and substance use disorder treatment:** $30,000

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

- **Jabberwocky Aquatic Center**
  - **New A/C units, painter and repairs to the community room, fencing repair and replacement, and a lighting detector:** $18,000

- **Key Large 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 Art Center learning through the Arts program:** $1,000

- **Krist House**
  - **Match grant to secure a safe need to provide more transition services to youth in the Homestead area:** $10,000

- **Lower Keys School**
  - **Set-up expenses for an Afterschool Meal Program at Homestead Senior High School:** $1,263,405
  - **Year-round “Backpack” weekend meals for 5th graders in the Upper Keys preschools:** $25,635

- **Miami Children’s Museum**
  - **STEAM Integration teacher training program for Homestead child development programs:** $9,520

- **Miami Dade College**
  - **Foundation of Hospitality Management Program at the Homestead Campus:** $30,000

- **Miami Lighthouse for the Blind**
  - **Children’s Vision Program for 830 kids in Homestead and Upper Keys:** $10,000

- **MUHER**
  - **Breaking the Secret Workshops with University of Miami and follow up by Puerto for 40+ abused children:** $40,000

- **New Hope C.O.R.P.S.**
  - **Commercial equipment and apparel for residents outpatient facility kitchen staff:** $30,000

- **Paramount Dance**
  - **Dance scholarships for dance instruction for 26 artisan families in Homestead:** $6,000

- **Proactive**
  - **Project Miami’s youth art education program for the Homestead Public Library:** $750

- **Real Educational Environment Foundation**
  - **Project Nature Days summer field trips and environmental education for Florida Keys Child’s Shelter residents:** $3,900

- **St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church**
  - **Replacement of playground equipment and playground equipment:** $21,374

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

- **South Florida Science Museum & Aquarium**
  - **Teen Support education program for at-risk Title I, elementary school students in both Homestead and Upper Keys:** $23,000

- **Star of the Sea Outreach Mission**
  - **Food pantry programs and services at the Saint John Martyr Church Food Pantry:** $28,000

- **Start Off Smart**
  - **National ILS Dying Dialogues Program and projects through the Homestead Police Department’s ‘Police Athletic League’:** $16,908

- **Community Empowerment Project to coordinate programs with organizations serving youth to increase awareness 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 First Fund College Foundation) for Upper Keys mentor program students:** $50,000

- **TIPS**
  - **Upper Keys Youth Basketball league:** $6,000

- **Touching Moms with Love**
  - **STEM curriculum and field trips:** $10,630
  - **Summer Internship Program:** $10,660

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

- **United Way of the Florida Keys**
  - **Established a Student Learning Program to the Upper Keys for 80 preschool children:** $9,000

- **VOCES for Florida Keys Children**
  - **Children’s Welfare Program to assist families through the 16th Judicial Court Guardian Ad Litem:** $5,000

- **Wellesley Counseling**
  - **Counseling services for disadvantaged youth and families in the Homestead area:** $16,000

- **YMCA of South Florida**
  - **Youth Development Program for 500 disadvantaged Homestead children:** $47,750
  - **Homeless Prevention loss of Prevention Camp and Afterschool Program scholarships:** $17,500
  - **Afterschool Program scholarships:** $10,000
  - **Key large summer Camp and Afterschool Program scholarships:** $53,000

### Total in 2019 Community Grants

$1,318,280
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Marie Jacobs   Amy Upjohn
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Cynthia Lee

ACT4Me
Because of your generous grant, a total of 42 underserved children with disabilities, dealing with conditions such as autism, epilepsy, cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy, have received a full year of therapy or therapy equipment they needed to have a better life. The effect of this is beyond belief, allowing them access to long-term therapy, helping them progress, achieve developmental milestones, and reach their highest potential. We take great pride in the fact that the Ocean Reef Community Foundation would recognize and support our work. It helps to give us the motivation we need to keep working towards our ultimate goal of ensuring that every child coping with a neurological or genetic disorder gets the therapy that they need. On behalf of everyone at Act4Me and most importantly the children that we serve, we would like to say an extremely heartfelt “Thank you”.

Maida Berberian-Bignon, Executive Director

Adrienne Arsh Center for the Performing Arts
Ocean Reef Community Foundation’s support has provided free access to the learning through the arts program Rock Odyssey for an astounding 8,845 students from the Florida City-Homestead area over the past seven years! That’s thousands of children introduced to the magic of live theater and its many social and academic benefits. Thank you for recognizing the power of the arts and making a difference for so many fifth-graders, who will carry this experience with them for the rest of their lives.

Javier Ortinorez, Vice President of Education at the Adrienne Arsh Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County

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Burton Memorial United Methodist Church

The food pantry and kitchen at Burton Memorial United Methodist Church fill a serious gap in the Upper Keys community. Living in the Florida Keys many people find it difficult to pay the bills while still putting food on the table. Although employed, our clients struggle economically in this high cost of living area. In some cases, they are holding down more than one job. Because of the pantry and kitchen, families will not have to go without food or a meal. Resources provided by ORCF have been essential to our capability to collect, store and distribute food and meals to the needy families in our community. We would not be able to do this without the help of our many volunteers and the support of the ORCF. Pastor Kerry Foote

Caring for Miami

Caring for Miami is changing lives, one smile at a time. The Project Smile Mobile Dental unit serves Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties with help from the Ocean Reef Community.

Centro Campesino

Centro Campesino thanks the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for supporting our STEM program initiative! Your support has helped bridge the digital divide our youth faces. Centro Campesino’s Youths-Ride Program provides after-school and summer camp activities to over 180 students each year. With your support, we were able in 2019 to acquire state-of-the-art equipment in our welding lab. With the new The College of the Florida Keys Center in Key Largo, you are providing crucial support to further higher education in the Upper Keys.

Dr. Frank Wood
Vice President of Advancement

College of the Florida Keys

Ocean Reef Community Foundation is changing the lives of local college students who will soon have a major influence on our local economy and community. For your support, scholarship and apprentice students send a huge "Thank You" for your generous contribution. Because of you, students in the Upper Keys are able to attend college, learn trades skills in electric, plumbing, and carpentry, and work with state-of-the-art equipment in our welding lab. With the new The College of the Florida Keys Center in Key Largo, you are providing crucial support to further higher education in the Upper Keys.

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Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe

The Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe thanks the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for support of the Monroe Early Childhood Conference: Building a Strong Foundation, on April 27, 2019. One hundred childcare providers received professional development in the areas of emergency preparedness, social emotional development in children and creating safe and secure classrooms. The keynote speaker was author D.J. Varnas who delivered an inspiring speech. Thanks to the Foundation’s support, fifty teachers, from the Upper Keys received conference registration school scholarships. The Ocean Reef Community Foundation is making a difference in the lives of Monroe County early childhood educators, directors, children and families.

Kerry M. Allen, M. A.
Grants Administrator

Communities In Schools

Thanks to the vital support from the ORCF, Communities In Schools of Miami can continue to impact the lives of at-risk students at Homestead Senior High School. Students learn that they can always count on us for genuine, caring support. They express feeling safe when entering our office, knowing we are there to help or simply listen to whatever difficult situation they are experiencing. This year so far, along with the support from local partnering service agencies, leaders, and businesses, CIS of Miami has served over 300 students at Homestead Senior, empowering them to stay in school, achieve and graduate. Maria Molano, Site Coordinator

Dominic Abuse Shelter

In October we held our 2nd Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month training, which was made possible by your very generous selection of Domestic Abuse Shelter as a grant recipient. The ability to present this multi-track training for teens and adults has brought awareness to healthy relationship throughout the FL Keys. Those in attendance last year said, “We are so happy to have this training locally and be able to hear such amazing presenters from throughout the state.” “I feel I will be so much better equipped to help when a survivor comes to my office.” Sherie Schwa, Executive Director

Panagiotis Kourtesis, Executive Director
Pastor Kerry Foote

Barbara Cesar, Director of Education

Pastor Kerry Foote
Feeding South Florida
It’s difficult to overstate the importance of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation’s support for child hunger programs in North Monroe County. The negative impact of food insecurity on a young person can include poor long-term health outcomes and academic performance. By providing missing meals through programs like the Backpack Program, Ocean Reef Community Foundation is ensuring a brighter future for 300 children.

Sari Vatske, Executive Vice President
Florida Keys Children’s Shelter
The first year of the coaching program at our Upper Keys shelter was a success! Our coaches empower our youth’s education, life skills, and recreational development by investing quality time, individual attention and compassionate care. We’re grateful to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for its help as we recruited these skilled professionals who invest quality time, individual attention and compassionate care to help each young person reach his or her greatest potential. Thank you for supporting our Upper Keys residential coaching program.

Christi Shortes, Residential Coordinator
Florida Impact
Thank you for helping Florida Impact to End Hunger’s project with the Monroe County School District to increase school meal participation through the implementation of grab and go meal service carts at Key Largo K-8 School and Coral Shores High School. We are now well on our way to helping ensure that no student is going hungry at school. We believe that the introduction of these carts will enhance the breakfast experience for our students. The carts will give us the ability to be flexible in terms of our serving locations, which in turn will streamline breakfast service.

Getting students efficiently through the breakfast service line and into the classroom quicker will serve to support learning.

Jim Faggione, Food Service Director
Florida Keys Foster Adoptive Parents Association
The continued generosity of Ocean Reef Community Foundation made a way for children to experience the fun of summer camps, sports involvement and educational opportunities that otherwise would not be a part of their lives.

The Florida Keys Foster and Adoptive Association strives to meet the needs of the children in our care and ORCF is a major part in helping the families reunite, heal or become new families through adoption. Thank you so much for your support!

Beth Harrington, Foster Mom
Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition
The generosity of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation helps us ensure our tiniest citizens and their families are healthy and safe.

This year we’ve provided car seats, bike helmets and other safety equipment to families throughout the Upper Keys who would’ve otherwise gone without. Equally important is the education families receive from our trained technicians and staff.

We’ve also been able to provide mental health services to new and growing families. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to ORCF for helping us with these projects in order to better serve pregnant women, infants, young children, and their families!

Arianna Nesbitt, CEO
Good Health Clinic
Over 100 patients have benefited from our colon cancer screenings so far and every one of those who needed advanced diagnostics and cancer treatment received it thanks to the gift of screening tools from Ocean Reef Community Foundation and our volunteer medical providers, respectively. All humans deserve the opportunity to be healthy and as the only medical access available to our patients it means everything to be able to meet their needs.

Kate Banick, Executive Director
Good Hope Equestrian Therapy Center
As Winston Churchill famously quoted, “The outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man.” And because of the benevolence of ORCF, 39 special needs children have been captivated by their equine partner, whose spontaneous nudging with their nose results in laughter of joy. Younger participants don’t even realize the therapeutic aspects associated with equine activities, but all improve in muscle strength and posture, and develop self-esteem and confidence.

With rejuvenation of body, mind and spirit, your support has truly transformed their lives, empowering them with freedom and independence while saddled to ride!

Peggy Bass, Ph.D., Executive Director
Greater Miami Youth for Christ
At City Life KIX, we believe Homestead can change for the better when its young people realize their own power to lead and effect change in their neighborhood. We see every youth who walks through the door as a potential change agent, and thanks to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, we were once again able to grow leadership skills in all our youth and hire promising talent as part of our Hammond Leadership program.

We even kicked-off a brand new program completely planned and run by high school students called KIX Club. Helping students see themselves as role models and leaders changed the lives of the elementary students they served, and how the leaders saw themselves:

Stacy Morales, YFC City Life KIX Program Director

Guidance/Care Center
Guidance/Care Center says Thank You! The staff and consumers of Guidance/Care Center’s inpatient programs are so grateful for the assistance we are receiving through the Ocean Reef Community Foundation to upgrade and renovate our nurse’s station. Residents in need of crisis stabilization and detoxification utilize this area for quality care and accessing compassionate staff. This is a project that has been years in the making and will directly impact service quality and safety for more than 500 employees and residents keys-wide in the coming year. Improving the positive impact we have on our neighbors in crisis is always our #1 goal and with the help of ORCF our project will have such an impact for many years to come.

Lisa Marcinkak, Site Director

Greater Miami Youth Symphony
Thank you, Ocean Reef Foundation!!! Because of your generosity, GMYS is able to impact the lives of more than 70 families in Homestead and Florida City area. Students like Samira Davila, a Florida City resident, who has the opportunity to flourish and influence other students by her example and achievements. She is the second of three siblings. According to her mom, she is very empathetic to people’s needs and feelings, translates music into soul, and shares her loving heart with everyone within ear’s reach with every song. Ms. Davila is an exemplary music student, she plays the cello, tuba and is an excellent actress in our musicals at Gateway. Her participation in the Greater Miami Youth Symphony programs have given her responsibility and drive into a wonderful young musician.

Stacy Morales, YFC City Life KIX Program Director

Key Largo School Transportation to Arsht Center Performance
Thank you Ocean Reef Community Foundation for giving us buses to go see Rock Odyssey. We had so much fun and loved the music. Wish we could go again. On behalf of all of the 5th grade classes, “Thank you!”

Mrs. McLane’s 5th grade class

Key Largo School AVID Program
Key Largo School is an AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) school. Teachers attend training in the summer, allowing them to pick up new strategies to use with students. It’s never too early to start thinking about college and careers and AVID gives students tools to prepare for their future. KLS has an AVID Career Day specifically designed for younger students.

“AVD Career Day is so much fun. We got to hear about a lot of different careers and what we need to know to do them. My favorite was the helicopter on the field. We also got to talk to SWAT and try on the gear. It’s REALLY heavy.”

First grade student

Key Largo School Summer Rec
The Summer Rec program served over 200 students this summer. It provided a safe and engaging environment for kids, as well as free breakfast and lunch. One of the classes students rotate through is STEM (science, technology, engineering, math).

“My favorite part of summer rec is we get to learn and play with our friends. We made slime in science and got to take it home with us!”

Very excited second grade students

Key Largo School Elementary Art Program
On behalf of my students and myself, we would like to thank you all for your very generous donation to our Elementary Art program at Key Largo School again this year. Your funding provides materials that enrich, and sustain the students’ art experience every time they enter the classroom. I have 500 students ages 5-12 moving through my room weekly. That is a lot of consumable materials such as paper, paint, clay, and glazes.

Kimberly Walvo, Elementary Art Teacher

Key Largo School Community Grants
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Guidance/Care Center
Guidance/Care Center says Thank You! The staff and consumers of Guidance/Care Center’s inpatient programs are so grateful for the assistance we are receiving through the Ocean Reef Community Foundation to upgrade and renovate our nurse’s station. Residents in need of crisis stabilization and detoxification utilize this area for quality care and accessing compassionate staff. This is a project that has been years in the making and will directly impact service quality and safety for more than 500 employees and residents keys-wide in the coming year. Improving the positive impact we have on our neighbors in crisis is always our #1 goal and with the help of ORCF our project will have such an impact for many years to come.

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Stacy Morales, YFC City Life KIX Program Director

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Jack Niedbalski, Executive Director

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Keys AHEC

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Miami Children’s Museum

Thanks to support from the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, Miami Children’s Museum was able to implement our Early Head Start STEAM Integration Program in Florida City. We conducted a series of workshops for Early Head Start teachers so that they can provide age-appropriate Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) activities into their classrooms. These early childhood teachers are now better prepared and committed to using STEAM teaching and learning techniques for years to come. STEAM learning at an early age, especially for those in underserved communities, better prepares children for school, providing long-lasting impact for them and their communities.

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Mexican-American Council

Through your generous support, the Mexican-American Council (MAC) is able to support 100 Homestead students become college-ready by their senior year in high school. Funding allows MAC to provide the resources the students need to achieve better results on their SAT/ACT exams, improve academic performance, and increase college admission opportunities. This year, twenty-six graduating seniors were accepted to universities such as University of South Florida, University of Florida, Florida State University, and Florida International University and are on track to earning a college degree. Thank you Ocean Reef Community Foundation, your support makes it possible for farmworker students to achieve their educational goals. Maris Vila, Program Manager

Miami Dade College Homestead Campus

Thanks to the generosity of Ocean Reef Community Foundation, lives are being changed with a comprehensive hospitality employment training program for aspiring students at the Homestead Campus of Miami Dade College. The skills, training and education these students in Homestead receive will ensure their readiness for entry into a career in the lodging and hospitality industry. We are proud to work together with the generous donors of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation to improve the quality of life for all in our community. Dr. Jeanne Jacobs, President

Kristi House

Kristi House has been expanding its staff and locations to better serve child abuse victims in Homestead and Florida City over the past several years. We recognized early on that many families need transportation assistance to get to us. The van we were able to purchase with the help of ORCF will make a huge difference for families and children who otherwise would not have access to help in overcoming the trauma of child sexual abuse and trafficking. Amanda G. Alman, CEO

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**Ocean Reef USCG AUX Flotilla**

The RB Wells, the USCG Auxiliary Ocean Reef facility boat, continues to serve the Upper Keys community by providing boating safety patrols of our area as well as conducting joint training operations with USCG Station Islamorada and USCG Air Station Miami. This year the RB Wells was utilized by USCG Station Islamorada during mini lobster season by placing active duty USCG on the Wells to accompany the Auxiliary in patrolling the Upper Keys to insure compliance of lobster regulations. This was a first for the Wells and reflects its ability to be ready 24/7 for any situation. The grant allows the USCG Auxiliary at Ocean Reef to audit and maintain the boat with all required USCG gear in this regard.

Peter Liashek Jr, DDS, Flotilla Commander

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**South Florida Council of Boy Scouts**

Ever since Boy Scouts of America has been actively involved with Miami-Dade County Public Schools - Title I Migrant Education Program there has been a positive impact in our boys and girls. The Scouting program has helped many of our students develop into productive members of society. Scouting focuses on developing character, citizenship, and leadership. The Migrant Education Program is thankful for the Ocean Reef community and the Boy Scouts of America the positive impact it has had for our children. Albano Tello, Migrant Advocate

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**Miami Lighthouse for the Blind**

As a result of the very generous award from Ocean Reef and their contributing donors, the Florida Heiken Children’s Vision Program, a subsidiary of Miami Lighthouse for the Blind, has been able to target the very difficult to reach population in the Homestead area and provide comprehensive eye exams and eyeglasses to over 1,200 underserved children. I feel blessed to have the opportunity to be a Heiken Program Coordinator. It is very rewarding to hear the parents’ gratitude.

Christina Mejia, Heiken Program Coordinator

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**ProjectArt**

On behalf of ProjectArt, our students, parents, and resident artists, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation. Your generous gift has provided free after-school arts education to over 180 children and teens at the Homestead Branch Library. We are endlessly appreciative of ORCF’s continued support of our program, which has enabled us to reach the students who need our services the most including youth in crisis at Miami Bridge. ProjectArt has been thrilled to see our students’ tremendous growth both inside and outside the classroom. Thank you ORCF! Sandra Pimentel Andrade, ProjectArt Miami Director

Ashley Backos, Director

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**Paramount Dance**

Watching our students’ tremendous growth throughout the year is a gift that I truly cherish. Academically and athletically they thrive more each year thanks to ORCF’s generous contributions. The ORCF donation made it possible for us to conduct formal dance training directly to youth in our community who may not otherwise have exposure to a performing arts program. We have seen measurable success over the last three years and we couldn’t have done it without ORCF support. Ashley Backos, Director

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**Seminole Theatre**

The Seminole Theatre Junior Players is designed to create opportunities for young actors to showcase their talents while adding to the rich culture of their community. Our goal with Aladdin Jr is to empower the students to be story tellers. This is a group of talented actors with powerful voices meant to affect the world starting with their community. The opportunity the grant from The Ocean Reef Community Foundation has created is very much appreciated. Many students in our program come from underprivileged homes. Some of those students have learning disabilities, and their involvement in our theatre programs help them make friends. Without the generosity of The Ocean Reef Community Foundation, these students would not have the creative outlet they need to cope. Magaly Peitz, Artistic Coordinator and Director of Aladdin Jr
**2019 Community Grants**

**TIPS Florida Keys Youth Basketball League**

What the FKYBL has done for youth sports in the Upper Keys has been phenomenal. The level of support and involvement within the community has been terrific. As the former Athletic Director at Key Largo School, it makes me so happy to see so many kids involved in sports. The energy, enthusiasm, and professionalism that Melissa O’Keeffe brings to the league has been incredible. I have so many local families coming up to me regularly to say how excited their kids are to be playing basketball in this league. What a difference it has made for so many! Dan Smith, Key Largo School Athletic Director

**SOS**

The Star of the Sea Foundation is extremely grateful for the generous donation provided by the Ocean Reef Community Foundation. A staggering 87% of our clients who reported they were affected by Irma are still recovering, and these families continue to rely on our services even now, more than two years post-hurricane. With ORCF support, SOS is able to supply additional sources of fresh produce and proteins to our clients each week, in turn helping them get back on their feet and avoid homelessness.

Natalie Niles, SOS Upper Keys Coordinator

**Start Off Smart**

On behalf of everyone that’s affiliated with SOS, HPD, Homestead PAL, we would like to say thank you. With Ocean Reef Community Foundation’s generous support, we have been able to make a difference in the Homestead and South Dade community.

The partnership between ORCF and Start Off Smart (SOS), Homestead Police Dept. (HPD) and Homestead Police Activities League (PAL) has enabled us to engage with our community through multiple outlets. We’ve been able to provide outreach services, host community events, build strong partnerships with our youth that teach the importance of community service and reach residents who were not previously engaged. Through your donation we’ve been able to enhance the lives of citizens, young and old. And it’s given us the opportunity to build a stronger bond between the South Dade community and law enforcement. For this we are forever grateful to ORCF.

Sarah Nanni, Executive Director

**Voices**

Voices for Florida Keys Children (Voices) believes in children. As an all-volunteer organization, community members work to meet the needs of children in Monroe County’s Guardian ad Litem program. Voices is so appreciative that the Ocean Reef Community Foundation also believes in children. The grant provided to Voices funded normalcy activities for kids appointed guardians by the courts. Voices has sent kids to summer programs and tutors, provided clothing and necessities and paid for medical and dental care. Each dollar given by the foundation, is a vote of support. Each dollar is one vote toward the self-esteem of children who need more than we could imagine. Susan Raffelotti, Board President, Voices for Florida Keys Children

**TML Homestead**

Thank you Ocean Reef Community Foundation for helping us inspire, educate, and empower youth at TML through our Summer Internship Program. Our program inspires students to dream big about their career choices, educates young people on resume writing, interviewing skills, and job skills and empowers students to “grow by doing” through placing them in leadership roles to serve their own community. Thank you Ocean Reef Community Foundation for continuing to be an important part of our indigenous leadership initiatives at Touching Miami with Love Homestead.

Angel Pittman, Vice President

**Wellspring Counseling**

ORCF’s grant has facilitated counseling services for clients who would not have been able to afford services otherwise. These clients have come for trauma-specific therapy, in order to find healing. The grant-supported clients seen so far this year include teens who have witnessed violence or suffered abuse, a woman with trauma and homelessness, children who have tragically lost parents, and mothers who are victims of domestic violence. The clients are from Homestead and the Keys, and are mostly seen in the Wellspring office in Florida City. Thanks to Ocean Reef, their progress toward healing and life-long change, has been immense.

Tova Kepps, LCSW, President

**2019 Community Grants**
Upper Keys Summer Camp & After School Programs

On behalf of entire Upper Keys YMCA, I would like to thank you, Ocean Reef Community Foundation, for your generous donation. Being part of a community means supporting each other and making our world a better place. Because of you, over 58 of our Summer Camp and Aftercare children have a safe, healthy environment to go while their parents make a living. Having been a single parent, I know what this generous gift means to their parents. We have been able to make lasting memories and friends, due to your substantial donation. Thank you from the very bottom of our hearts!

Jessica Beiermeister, Upper Keys Park Director

Homestead Swim Program

This past year we taught over 450 children to swim. Even though they were all very young, the majority were extremely well behaved on the pool deck and brave in the water. Every class the children would catch a burst of energy when they saw the pool! I think my favorite part about this program is to see the growth of some of the kids who were really afraid to enter the water. By the end of each session, the students were all knowledgeable of pool rules, swim skills and were more comfortable in the water. I can really see the impact that my team makes. Thank you Ocean Reef Community Foundation for helping our kids learn to swim.

Emma Wallwit, Lifeguard

Homestead Summer Camp

I am immensely grateful for being extended the kindness of the YMCA by being granted a scholarship for my daughter to attend Summer Camp. The Y staff explained to me that they received grant funds from Ocean Reef Community Foundation to help families in need. Because of this, my child went to summer camp, had a blast and I had peace of mind knowing that I could keep my clients at work, pay a portion of the fee and know my child was being cared for. Thank you Ocean Reef and the Y so much!

Shasta Baker & Emylie Holmes, Mom and Camper

Homestead After School Program

The YMCA after school program has really helped me a lot with childcare – I love that my children are in a safe learning environment. My kids have been attending the program for the past few years and I have noticed a major difference in them in many aspects from behavior to excelling in academics. It brings joy to my heart to hear my kids tell me the interesting things they did in the YMCA program. It even drives me crazy when I must force them to leave because they don’t want to at times. I am truly grateful for everything that the YMCA does for my children.

Fashionette Finely, mother of 3 Peskoe Elementary students

Education is transformative. It provides the capacity to change one’s situation, to better oneself, and to make a positive impact on others. The generosity and support of the Ocean Reef Community has made a significant impact and profound difference in the lives of our most deserving Upper Keys Take Stock scholars.

The Ocean Reef community has made it possible for 2019 Ocean Reef Scholars Rachel Medina to attend Florida Gulf Coast University and Miguel Quezada to attend Florida State University.

Thank you for making the dream of a college education a reality for our Upper Keys Take Stock scholars!

Chuck Leis, Executive Director
Our Mission
The Ocean Reef Community Foundation is an independent, charitable and not-for-profit organization established to promote and enhance responsible and effective philanthropy in our community.

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Giving by Ocean Reef Groups to Florida Charities Outside the Gate 2015-2019*

Grants from Other Ocean Reef Groups

Keys Children’s Foundation
Ocean Reef Conservation Association
Ocean Reef Club (Coral Restoration Foundation Project)
Protestant Congregation of Ocean Reef

$3.8m Five Year Combined Florida Off Reef Grants

Grants from Ocean Reef Community Foundation

$10.7m Five Year Total Florida Off Reef Grants

Hurricane Response $1.9m
Donor Advised Funds $2.3m
ORCF Florida Off Reef Grants $10,667,743
Community Grants $5.4m

*As of October 31, 2019

HOW TO MAKE YOUR SOUTH FLORIDA GIVING “COUNT” FOR OCEAN REEF

In 2015 the Foundation began collaborating with other Ocean Reef entities to better understand our community’s collective impact in surrounding areas for the first time. Today we have five years of results and they are considerable, nearly $15 million in grants from five Ocean Reef organizations. Of course, that number doesn’t include the donations that individual members make personally, which often go unrecognized as coming from the Ocean Reef community. When a donation is given with a check from a Key Largo or northern address, a private foundation or commercial charitable fund, it is not readily apparent to the recipient charity that it has come from the Ocean Reef community.

While there are many great reasons to create and give through your own fee free, named charitable fund at the Foundation, doing so also enables us to “count” your gifts in our assessment and the Club’s and ORCA’s presentation of the community’s contributions to the region. The origins of donations given through your personal charitable fund at the Foundation are clearly identified as coming from residents of the Ocean Reef community. They also enable us to better quantify Ocean Reef giving and help our neighboring communities and local government to better appreciate the greater impact of the community’s collective giving and contribution to the region’s overall quality of life.

To learn more and make your giving “count” for Ocean Reef, visit www.orfound.org or our office in the Ocean Reef Business Center, call 305-367-4707 or email foundation@oceanreef.com.