All Charities 2017: Catalog Enclosed! Time to Go Online for First Dibs and More
by Sarah A. Cart

Silent Auction bidding is available 24/7 beginning at 9 a.m. today. You can help make this season’s 10th anniversary All Charities Weekend (ACW, Feb. 10 and 11) another record breaker. Leaf through the enclosed catalog, take a seat at your computer or pick up your smart phone or tablet and go online to www.bidORC.org. Within minutes, you’ll find that bidding is as easily accessible as your favorite app.

Act fast! See ACW catalog pages 11-13 to read about this season’s First Dibs! offerings—a category that proved terrifically popular when it premiered a year ago. These first come, first serve opportunities, available only online, require that you act FAST to take part include a private acoustic concert with a country star, ORC Beach Olympics, Pickleball and Pinot, bird watching, celebrity golf, delicious dinners specially paired with wonderful wines and other experiences, and space in each is limited, so don’t delay. Claim ‘First Dibs’ now!

Start the bidding: Next, spend some quality time perusing the rest of the catalog; read it thoroughly. An amazing array of donated items and experiences will pique your interest. Savor the list of wines … dream about an African safari or a tropical trek … plan where...

New Teams Triumph at 44th Annual Member-Guest Tennis Tournament
by Jim Morton, Director of Tennis

This year’s Member-Guest Tennis Tournament, the 44th annual, was as unpredictable as the weather that accompanied it with many new teams claiming titles. The tournament kicked off under beautiful skies on Friday afternoon in four different Mixed Doubles Flights with each flight proving to be very competitive. Following the play, the Club hosted a fabulous 70’s disco themed cocktail party in the Tennis & Games Center. On Saturday, with the weather still warm and sunny, play in the ladies’ and gentlemen’s flights were played on all but two of the available clay courts on The Reef accommodating the 92 players who played in this year’s event. After the morning play, the players feasted on a terrific catered lunch before the finals of...
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you'll hang your new mirror or tuck the lovely tilt top or ride your new bike. Check your calendar to determine which adventure(s) can happen when.

Call friends and plot strategies. Place your opening bid on an item and set your maximum, whenever a competing bid outdoes yours, the system will respond on your behalf up to your established limit.

Note that some items may have been updated and a few additional items have been added online since the catalog went to print; be sure to re-read the actual lot lists online or in person. So much great stuff – be sure to check out all of it!

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Mike Jones ready to pick a winner at last year’s event.

Up Lifting adventures: This year's new category is thanks to Preferred Partner Wheels Up's donation of three special lots, including the opportunity for four couples to visit Cuba in grand style, a one-year private aviation membership, and seven hours' flight time on a Wheel Up King Air 305i.

Wine Tasting & Bucket Raffle: You can view your “Auction must-haves” during the $25 Community Wine Tasting & Silent Auction Showcase 4 to 7 p.m. next Friday, Feb. 10, at Caysfort Center. The tasting will include 10 reds and 10 whites upon which to vote, one winner from each will go on wine lists property-wide as the All Charities Choice for the coming year.

Return between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. the next day as the Showcase continues, and enjoy complimentary “Burgers, Beers and Bidding” courtesy of the Ocean Reef Chamber and Florida Keys Brewing from noon to 2 p.m.

On both Friday and Saturday, you can purchase raffle tickets for nearly a dozen wonderful bucket raffle items, including handbags, wonderful gift baskets from Wynn's Market, Gravik Animal Care Center gift certificate, a YETI 'Flip' soft-sided cooler with Publix gift card, skincare, and a grass-fed beef package complete with an iGrill2 device. The drawings for all the Bucket Raffle items will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

With your help, the 10th anniversary All Charities Weekend will be another record breaker!

All Charities’ purpose: All Charities helps ensure the viability of not-for-profit institutions important to Ocean Reef (Medical Center, Cultural Center, Art League, Academy, ORCAT and Conservation Association) and provides much needed funds to dozens of worthy charities serving Homestead, Florida City and the Upper Keys.

Questions? Contact the All Charities office at 305-367-5996 or AllCharities@oceanreef.com.