Discover ‘How Philanthropy Fuels American Success’ April 3

The Ocean Reef Community Foundation invites you to mark your calendar for a complimentary lecture by author and former White House domestic policy adviser Karl Zinsmeister on the morning of Monday, April 3rd at the Cultural Center Theater.

In his lively talk entitled "Indispensable: How Philanthropy Fuels American Success," Zinsmeister reveals the under-appreciated size and scope of our nation’s charitable giving, and that without it there would be no America as we know it. Zinsmeister makes the case that private action to solve public problems is one of the characteristics that most distinguishes the U.S., and continues to play a critical role in healthy communities and a prosperous economy.

The April 3rd presentation promises to include “rich images, fascinating biographies and rare historical details” from Zinsmeister’s *Almanac of American Philanthropy*—a monumental, 1,342 page resource published in 2016 as a manual to explain, inspire and defend private giving.

Zinsmeister has authored 12 books, including two works of embedded reporting in Iraq. His most recent title, *What Comes Next? How Private Givers Can Rescue America in an Era of Political Frustration*, offers a vision for constructive cultural change in the midst of electoral gridlock. He has also made a PBS feature film and written hundreds of articles for publications from the *Atlantic* to the *Wall Street Journal*.

Earlier in his career, Zinsmeister was a Senate aid to Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the J. B. Fuqua Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, and editor in chief for *The American Enterprise* magazine for more than a dozen years. From 2006 to 2009 he served as the President Bush’s chief domestic policy advisor in the West Wing and director of the White House Domestic Policy Council. He is a graduate of Yale University.

Today Zinsmeister is Vice President of Publications at The Philanthropy Roundtable in Washington, D.C., where he also founded and advises their program of philanthropy for veterans and service members.

Please plan to gather for coffee, tea and Danish at 10 a.m. before the 10:30 a.m. talk at the Cultural Center. Inquire or let us know that you plan to attend at foundation@oceanreef or (305) 367-4707.

“Thanks to Ocean Reef Community Foundation, this year over 1000 students from Homestead, Florida City and Upper Keys Title 1 schools will participate in hours of hands-on learning with topics such as physics, environmental conservation, DNA, technology, dissections, and much more! Inquiry-based science education is the backbone of our future yet so many kids miss out on this opportunity due to budget constraints and overburdened teachers. Ocean Reef is changing lives one child at a time by allowing these students to take part in this incredible programming. It is a wonderful thing to witness!” – Kate Arrizza, Chief Operating Officer, South Florida Science Center