

PHILANTHROPY MATTERS

Volunteer Projects Underway



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Last month we announced a slate of volunteer projects for Members who want to become more actively involved with charities outside the gate and I am happy to share that these are off to a great start. The Foundation's Community Outreach projects, each organized and led by a member of our Grants Committee, offer an opportunity to volunteer at a past or present ORCF grant recipient organization in Homestead, Florida City or the Upper Keys.

This week and last, saw successful afternoon trips to Branches in Florida City. After the first visit, Grants Committee organizer **Kathie Markel** reported that everyone was impressed "meeting [Director of Students Services] Kim, super dynamo that she is, and enjoyed working with the kindergarten and first graders. We spent time helping the kids with their homework. All six adults loved it along with two teenage



Ocean Reef volunteers Pam Harding and Betty Schievelbein helping out with kindergarten and first graders.

granddaughters."

A few spots are still open for another project just around the corner at Touching Miami with Love's West Homestead site led by Grants Committee member **Patty Davidson**. The half-day of light work projects is scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, April 4. According to Davidson, "They're currently working on some improvements to their physical environment and would love some helping hands. The main task at hand will be painting." Interested parties can contact her for sign up at pat.tykaydavidson@gmail.com.

TML's vision is to see children and youth inspired, educated and empowered to reach their full potential by guiding them spiritually, intellectually and emotionally. To learn more, check out <https://touchingmiamiwithlove.org/home/who-we-are/>.

The Foundation works with



Ocean Reef volunteer Janet Wilson making new friends at Branches.

dozens of charities in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties and virtually all offer a variety of opportunities to volunteer for both individuals and groups. We're happy to research prospects in your particular interest area that will work with your calendar and connect you with charities. Please feel free to contact me at ymikolay@oceanreef.com for more information.

Library Corner

by Susan Bohan

This week a few more books have been added to ensure the Library keeps up with your favorite authors:

FICTION

The Deceivers by Alex Berenson

Fifty Fifty by James Patterson

In Farleigh Field: A Novel of World War II by Rhys Bowen

Opening Belle by Maureen Sherry

NON-FICTION

Andrew Jackson and the Miracle of New Orleans by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yeager

The Republic for Which it Stands: The United States During Reconstruction and the Gilded Age, 1865 – 1896 by Richard White