Community Celebrates the Opening of the Hank and Corinne Greenberg Park

Nearly two years to the day that Bill Nutt, Chairman of the Board of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, announced the generous donation of two large bay front lots, the Hank and Corinne Greenberg Park officially opened. A ribbon cutting was held on Monday, December 23 with the Greenbergs and their family present so that the community could express their appreciation.

Long-time Equity Members Hank and Corinne Greenberg donated the property, totaling nearly two acres of real estate, to the Foundation for the purpose of creating a park to provide open views of Card Sound for Ocean Reef residents. The donation of these two lots at the end of Country Club Road, adjacent to Cannon Point, represented the single largest donation ever received by the Foundation.

When making their donation, Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg asked the Foundation to use these lots to preserve open space in perpetuity through the creation of a park available to the Ocean Reef community. Through the Foundation, ORCA was charged with landscaping and now administering the Park.

Tom Davidson, Sr., Vice President of the Foundation, who was instrumental in coordinating the logistics of the donation, said at the time of the 2017 announcement, "As Ocean Reef has developed over the past fifty years, we have less and less open space and, particularly space with expansive views of our surrounding waters. The Greenberg's generous donation is special not just because of its size but in its creation of such open space."

Russ Post, who guided the real estate donation in 2017, noted that the Greenbergs have been great friends of the community for forty years. Adding, "Many of their donations have been quiet, but we are very happy to be able to honor you today, it is very meaningful and we are deeply grateful."

Surrounded by their children and grandchildren, both Hank and Corinne Greenberg addressed the crowd sharing a similar sentiment; that with all the beauty surrounding Ocean Reef they had always felt something was missing - the ability to enjoy the spectacular bay views.

Mr. Greenberg closed by saying, "So here we are. We hope you enjoy it." And with that, the clouds parted and the sun came out for the first time in days.

The Hank and Corinne Greenberg Park will be open during daylight hours with walking paths, benches, and broad, open spaces for activities such as fly-casting.

The Greenberg family together for the Grand Opening of the Hank and Corinne Greenberg Park on December 23.