Spots Open For Giving Tuesday Charity Tour

The community is invited to join the Ocean Reef Community Foundation Grants Committee on three tours of off property charities this season, with the first set for this **Tuesday, December 3**. Spots are still available for Giving Tuesday’s Homestead itinerary which includes Read2Succeed, Guitars Over Guns, Communities in Schools, a follow up visit to the PAL Community Garden at Homestead Middle School, and DMF Employment Opportunities.

Giving Tuesday is “a global generosity movement” created in 2012 as a simple idea: to set aside the Tuesday after Thanksgiving as a special day each year that encourages people to “do good.” Over the past seven years, it has caught on and inspired hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. According to givingtuesday.org, one of the best ways to mark the day is to give time to get involved in your own community.

The Foundation’s Charity Tours are a great way for Members to do so and to see Community Grants Fund and All Charities Auction Weekend donations at work. Tours feature recent grant projects as well as new applicants and the opportunity to get to know charities in surrounding areas and give feedback to the Grants Committee for consideration in recommending 2020 grants. Charity Tours depart promptly at 8:30 a.m. and return by 12:30 p.m. Additional tours this season include a second to Homestead on Friday, January 10 and an Upper Keys tour on Monday, February 3. Space is limited. To reserve your seat on the motor coach for any of the tours, please email ymikolay@oceanreef.com or call 305-367-4707. We are also happy to help identify local charities that align with your giving priorities if you are interested in including them in Giving Tuesday donations.

On our last charity tour, the Grants Committee and interested Members had an opportunity to check out a sample of the swimming lessons funded last year for more than 500 disadvantaged children enrolled in Le Jardin preschools at the Homestead Family YMCA.