Fun+Fundraising = All Charities Weekend

By Jane Silverman, Vice Chair and Cynthia Lee, Chair

The All Charities Weekend brings fun into your lives and fundraising into the lives of both on-site and off-site charities. “It’s even more fun, when you bid on items with your friends,” suggests All Charities Weekend 2014 Chair Cynthia Lee. The 2013 All Charities Auction once again exceeded expectations: more money raised, but also more off-site bidders, more wine donations, and more groups bidding together to win trips of a lifetime.

Some members donated their homes to create themed parties to help fundraise. Vicki Goldstein and Judy Astbury combined passion and talent to throw a party for 12 Ocean Reef Frolics who had a wonderful evening at the event sold as a “Beachy Frolic Fun!” “We had an amazing evening,” says Judy. Adds Vicki, “we tried to host a party that our guests would talk about for years to come!”

Stacy and Bob Schmetterer enjoyed an exciting excursion to Cuba donated by Nick Lanni and Tom Cooper, and brought their parents along for the adventure. Says Stacy, “we took our dad for his 80th birthday. Cuba is a place that Bob and I had always wanted to visit and the Gala offering gave us that opportunity. That we were able to bring my father along made the trip that much more special.”

Less than 200 miles away, six couples enjoyed the luxurious Over Yonder Cay in the Exumas: the Bermains, Cartes, Elenbaas, Holmes, Lists and Suttons. They had the satisfaction of knowing their donations made a huge impact on the community at large, all the while with their toes in the sand!

The Glidden’s, Humans and Boremates were in the running for an extraordinary behind-the-scenes adventure at the 138th Kentucky Derby donated by Debra and Kirk Wynn. They enjoyed a weekend of exclusive parties, celebrities.

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Dr. Donald Glidden, Lucille Fabiano, Bob Schmetterer, “Papa,” and Stacy Schmetterer at Hemingway’s favorite bar, la Floridita.

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including Ocean Reef favorite Smokey Robinson, a paddock visit and the exhilaration of the greatest two minutes in sports! Says Bob Glidden, “we had the best time ever thanks to All Charities!”

Be sure and save the date of February 7-9, 2014 for the next All Charities Weekend. Live and Silent Auction prizes are welcomed! Please contact Lesa Crayne at lcrayne@oceaneef.com to donate wines, dinners, trips, villas, behind-the-scenes tours of museums or adventures!