Ocean Reef volunteers are actively serving and engaged in our surrounding communities through the Foundation’s Community Outreach program. This season’s second volunteer excursion to Branches Florida City, pictured here, took place just last week and another one is right around the corner later this month.

“The Ocean Reef Community Foundation is eager to provide volunteer project opportunities outside our gates to benefit the organizations supported by the community,” according to Grants Committee member Kathie Markel, who is leading the next trip.

“The March project will be in Homestead with one of my favorite organizations, KIX, an after-school program serving the children in the neighborhood. The project will involve painting and some other easy fixer-up projects to help care for the facility,” she continued, along with a promise that it will “not be too labor intensive.”

This will be a second trip for some volunteers who helped spruce up the facility when the organization first moved to a new location a few years ago. The KIX program was founded in Homestead after Hurricane Andrew and has served the local community for over 25 years. Supported by the Foundation since 2012, today KIX works with more than 100 families and 266 students. The volunteer outing will take place **Friday, March 22 from 9 a.m. to noon**. Email Kathie Markel or foundation@oceanreef.com to sign up.

The Foundation’s Community Outreach volunteering excursions are each led by a member of the Grants Committee and assist charities the group has evaluated and funded. Those who give through the All Charities effort are already giving to the non-profits where projects take place in Homestead, Florida City and the Upper Keys, so we encourage Members to take part and see the great work you’re making possible!