Ocean Reef Community Foundation Announces 2012 Community Grants

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On behalf of the Social Committee

Keeping a Secret
Rediscover Ocean Reef. As most of you leave for the summer, the rest of us, full timers and the Social members from all over the world and close by on the mainland start our summer of delights. The Reef becomes a different world, some suggest that this should “stay a big secret” and let the myths of the summer here prevail. Yes, the mosquitos invade, some days and the Hurricane Center is a favorite on our iPads. However, most of the time we are watching beautiful children discovering golf, tennis, snorkeling or scuba or the smart slick fashions on the beach and at the restaurants, the gorgeous shoes and the celebration of the families without the stress of school or schedules.

This contagious fun and quick beats of dances on the beach, the solitude of the empty golf course, the freedom to arrive at the gym any time of the day and stroll onto a machine, the light hearted smiles of the associates as they find time for a lingering hello. This is The Reef of the summer. We laugh at a hunt for the open restaurants, but each year the numbers allow more

Ocean Reef Community Foundation board voted to approve its Grants Committee recommendations, made after careful vetting and evaluation of more than 50 grant applications, and is pleased to announce its complete list of 2012 Community Grants.

The Community Grants program awards funding to dozens of worthy charities at Ocean Reef and in Homestead, Florida City and Key Largo each spring for projects supporting interest areas of Education, Youth, Health & Family Services and Community.

“The Foundation’s Community Grants program is a direct result of the Ocean Reef community’s participation in the annual All Charities Auction Weekend,” said Foundation Chairman Alan Goldstein, “and we are very grateful for your support. Thanks to the community’s generosity, we will distribute more than half a million dollars in Community Grants for the first time this year. Together we are making a meaningful difference.”

In fact, over the five years since the establishment of the All Charities Auction Weekend in 2008, more than $6.4 million has been raised for Ocean Reef Charities and the Foundation has now received and allocated an additional $1.8 million to local charities beyond our gates.

The 2012 All Charities Weekend raised a record setting $1.8+ million for the Ocean Reef All Charities. This includes $486,516 that went to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, 100 percent of which will be distributed to charities (in combination with additional donations to the Community Grants Fund) as follows:

Grants to Ocean Reef Based Organizations:
Ocean Reef Chapel Foundation
$ 5,000
ORCAT(at Grayvik Animal Care Center)
$30,000
OR Historical Society
$14,000

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Why We Stay
Rediscover Ocean Reef

Mermaids spotted on July 4th weekend.

Beth and Ben Northrop at the Summer's Here Beach Party.
Grants

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Grants to Homestead/Florida City and Upper Keys Charitable Projects:

- Habitat for Humanity (UK)
- Florida Keys Wild Bird Center (UK)
- Key Largo School middle school band
- Florida Keys Community Concert Band (UK)

Note: Last year’s FSF funding continues to cover support of

- Burton Memorial United Methodist Church (UK)
- ARC Project Thive (H/FC)
- Wheelchair Ramp for kids’ Therapy Module
- Staff Training required for reaccreditation
- Ansh Center for the Performing Arts (H/FC)

“Learning through the Arts” curriculum and live performance field trip for 1,370 5th graders
- Autism Society of the Keys (UK)
- Easily intervention therapies for autistic children
- Burton Memorial United Methodist Church (UK)

- AED for Common Areas/Community Events Space
- Food Pantry support to balance donated food meals
- Domestic Abuse Shelter (UK)
- High School youth leadership/peer advocate workshops
- Feeding South Florida/
- Food Distributions to Burton Food Pantry (UK)
- Food Distributions to Homestead Food Pantry (H/FC)

Note: Last year’s FSF funding continues to cover support of the “Extra Helpings” Program donating ORC surplus foods.

- Florida Keys Children’s Shelter (UK)
- Van to transport shelter residents
- Florida Keys Community Concert Band (UK)
- Music Mentor program and instruction for 6-8th graders in Key Largo School middle school band
- Florida Keys Foster Adoptive Parents Association (UK)
- Assistance to Foster Families for unmet kids’ needs
- Florida Keys Wild Bird Center (UK)
- Reconstruction of failing sanctuary boardwalk used by 35,000 visitors each year
- GMYFC KIX Afterschool Program (H)
- Literacy/homework instruction and safe afterschool care for 160 disadvantaged youth

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Celebrating Ocean Reef Moms

Make a Weekend of it!

Mom, Mother, Mommy, Mama... Whatever you call her, her special day is here - and what better way to spend it than enjoying everything The Reef has to offer! All weekend long, your favorite shops, activities and events will be featuring special deals and savings for Ocean Reef Moms.

Salon & Spa

A relaxed mom is a happy mom! Treat her to Massage & Mimosas to the Salon & Spa for a special price of $75.00 on Sunday, May 13. Our temporary location at Sunrise Villa overlooking the ocean is a delightful way for mom to view the day. For appointments, call 367-6506.

Shopping

Every lady loves to shop, and on Saturday and Sunday, May 12-13, we are making it even more fun for mom by offering complimentary a 20% discount on ladies’ apparel and accessory purchases of $50 or more at any Club-owned Retail Shops - so whether you are purchasing last-minute Mother’s Day gifts or sending mom for her very own spree with a Club gift certificate, Mom is sure to be pleased.

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