

2016 Community Grants Announced

The Ocean Reef Community Foundation will grant a new record of more than \$880,000 to 40 charities this year thanks to the Ocean Reef community's generous participation in the 2016 All Charities Auction Weekend.

The Community Grants Program awards funding to dozens of worthy charities in the areas of Education, Youth, Health & Family Services and Community at Ocean Reef and in Homestead, Florida City and the Upper Keys each spring. Including 2016 grants, the program will have awarded more than \$5.1 million since the All Charities effort began in 2008.

The All Charities effort is administered by the Foundation and will provide more than \$3 million to Ocean Reef's vital Medical and Cultural Centers, Academy, Art League, Conservation Associa-

tion and ORCAT this season.

The Ocean Reef Community Foundation's entire share of 2016 All Charities Auction proceeds will be distributed (combined with additional donations to the Community Grants Fund) as follows:

GRANTS TO OCEAN REEF-BASED CHARITIES:

Ocean Reef Chapel Foundation

- ◆ Towards new sidewalks-\$10,000

Ocean Reef Volunteer Fire Department

- ◆ Towards community ambulance lease-\$10,000
- ◆ 50 CPR RsQ Assist units to complement existing AEDs-\$5,852

U.S. Coast Guard Flotilla 13-4

- ◆ Maintenance of Flotilla boat-\$10,000

Total to Ocean Reef-based Charities \$35,852

GRANTS TO HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA CITY & UPPER KEYS CHARITIES:

ARC Project Thrive

- ◆ Therapy scholarships for special needs children from low income families-\$25,200



Committee members visit projects in Key Largo and Homestead.

Arsht Center for the Performing Arts

- ◆ "Learning through the Arts" curriculum and live performance field trip for 5th graders in Homestead and Florida City Title I schools - \$10,000 (MATCH REQUIRED)

Conference and Call to Men Dialog program for Teens from both areas-\$10,000

Early Learning Coalition

- ◆ Early Childhood Education Conference for Monroe County childcare providers-\$6,500

Feeding South Florida

- ◆ Food allocation for Burton MMC Food Pantry -\$3,000
- ◆ Food allocation for Homestead Food Pantry -\$10,000
- ◆ Year-round "Backpack" weekend meals for preschool children receiving subsidized child care in the Upper Keys-\$25,000

Florida Keys Children's Shelter

- ◆ Fuel efficient, family-sized vehicle to transport small numbers of children and reduce wear on large capacity passenger van-\$18,000 (MATCH REQUIRED)

Florida Keys Community College

- ◆ Updated lab equipment to meet current standards for Upper Keys Campus Nursing and EMT programs-\$13,326

Florida Keys Foster Adoptive Parents Association

- ◆ Unfunded needs for children in Foster Care in the Upper Keys-\$6,000

Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition Upper Keys Safety Program

- ◆ Child safety equipment for homes and vehicles -\$10,000

Florida Keys History & Discovery Foundation

- ◆ The second of two donations to become Charter Club founders-\$5,000

Good Health Clinic

- ◆ Medical equipment for emergency response and chronic disease management for uninsured, low income patients-\$3,500

Branches Florida City

- ◆ "Grow & Climb" teen leadership development and employment mentoring program-\$25,000
- ◆ Free VITA on site tax preparation and assistance for qualifying Ocean Reef Club and ORCA employees-\$20,000
- ◆ Center for Financial Stability "Families in Crisis" toolkit development and financial rehabilitation program for motivated food pantry clients -\$25,000

Burton Memorial Methodist Church Food Pantry

- ◆ Refrigerated truck usage to enable pick up of perishable donations from local grocery stores -\$4,800

Camillus House

- ◆ CHEER educational initiative to assist homeless children in attending school and catching up with peers-\$10,000

Carrfour Supportive Housing

- ◆ Youth Internship Education Leadership Development (YIELD) program for 40 teens from families transitioning from homelessness-\$10,000

Chapman Partnership

- ◆ Services and educational activities for children from families transitioning from homelessness-\$10,000

Communities in Schools Miami

- ◆ Diplomas Now Initiative drop-out prevention program at Homestead Senior High School-\$15,000

Domestic Abuse Shelter

- ◆ Youth prevention effort including a Teen Women's Prevention

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Grants

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Good Hope Equestrian Training Center

- ◆ "Endless Strides" 10 week therapy program for about two dozen people with disabilities-\$10,000

Greater Miami Youth for Christ

- ◆ Teen Indigenous Leaders development and employment mentoring program at Homestead KIX Program-\$20,000 (MATCH REQUIRED)

Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys

- ◆ Additional affordable home in the Mandalay project on county-donated land-\$25,000 (MATCH REQUIRED)

Hospice VNA of the Florida Keys

- ◆ Establishment of a comprehensive Palliative Care Program needed to serve 50-60 patients annually in the Upper Keys-\$32,000

Jacobs Aquatic Center

- ◆ New umbrellas and an additional "Family Shade Structure"-\$15,000 (MATCH REQUIRED)

Key Largo School

- ◆ Summer Recreation program for up to 250 pre-K through 5th grade students - \$50,000
- ◆ Modernization of Media Center used by both elementary and middle school students with computers and technology for -\$19,000
- ◆ STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) program equipment for K-5th graders-\$5,244
- ◆ AVID college readiness program college trips and teacher training-\$11,430
- ◆ Art supplies for the elementary art program-\$1,000
- ◆ Bus transportation for the 5th grade class to participate in the Arsht Center "Learning Through the Arts" performance-\$1,000

MarrVelous Pet Rescue

- ◆ "Helping People, Helping Pets" program to provide low income families with pet obedience training and heart worm prevention to reduce need for pet rescues-\$1,500 (MATCH REQUIRED)

Mexican American Council

- ◆ College & Career Readiness program including mentoring for 50 high school juniors and college transition and enrollment assistance for 30 seniors from families of farm workers at Homestead high schools-\$12,500 (MATCH REQUIRED)

Motivational Edge

- ◆ Therapeutic Arts Program for youth transitioning from homelessness at Chapman Partnership's Homestead facility-\$12,500

MUJER

- ◆ "Breaking the Secret Workshops" w/ University of Miami and follow up therapy for 40+ abused children-\$37,500

Redlands Christian Migrant Association

- ◆ Passenger van to transport low income families to medical appointments and therapies for issues identified in early intervention screenings at Homestead RCMA preschools-\$12,500 (MATCH REQUIRED)

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church

- ◆ Replacement of 24 year old air conditioning system in Parish Hall location of food pantry and preschool cafeteria serving many working poor families-\$30,000

South Dade Child Development Center

- ◆ Smart board technology for preschool classrooms-\$8,200

South Florida Science Museum & Aquarium

- ◆ Science Passport educational program for at-risk Title 1 elementary school students in both areas-\$25,000

Star of the Sea Foundation

- ◆ Advancement of Upper Keys Children's Nutrition Program including support for preschools in qualifying to offer and implementing federal food programs-\$23,300

Start Off Smart

- ◆ Addition of Youth Advocate program to existing services for primary victims of domestic violence in Homestead to better manage the needs of victims' children from the first police visit-\$36,760

Take Stock in Children

- ◆ College scholarships (matched by the Florida Pre-Paid College Foundation) for Upper Keys mentor program students-\$50,000

Touching Miami with Love

- ◆ (Homestead Site/formerly Open House Ministries)-Summer internship and employment skills mentoring program for 16 teens from low-income families-\$10,000 (MATCH REQUIRED)

Urban Oasis Project

- ◆ Electricity to enable farm which employs formerly homeless people

at nearby residential programs, sells produce/operates a café to benefit such programs and provides educational access for adjacent schools to refrigerate produce, plant an additional unused 17 acres and expand operations-\$32,880

Voices for Florida Keys Children

- ◆ Foster Family Cottage Project to enable families to meet requirements to foster children where there is a lack of affordable/adequate housing-\$10,000

YMCA of South Florida

- ◆ Homestead Summer Learning Loss Prevention Camp scholarships-\$30,000
- ◆ Homestead Afterschool Program scholarships-\$10,000
- ◆ Key Largo School Afterschool Program scholarships-\$22,000
- ◆ Establishment of new Key Largo Teen Development Program-\$25,000

Total in Homestead, Florida City and Upper Keys Charities-\$844,640

Total On & Off Reef Grants-\$880,492

The community is invited to take part in the Communi-



ty Grants effort by joining the Grants Committee on Charity Tours to investigate application projects and monitor previous grant projects. Feedback from tour participants is a vital part of the decision making process and members are encouraged direct favorite local charities to the Foundation for application information.

To learn more about co-investment opportunities to complement partial grants and donation matching opportunities, please call 305-367-4707 or visit www.orfound.org.