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Master of Ceremonies, Paul Bishop, shares his view from the podium last Saturday night at the All Charities Giving Hearts Ball.

## All Charities Chairs Go Out On Top, Under the Big Top!

It's another record! Total dollars raised by the All Charities community giving program at Ocean Reef exceeded **\$4.6 million** this season, up 13.4% from the 2015 season.

This includes contributions to 2016 All Charities Auction Weekend and voluntary \$195.00 donations to the All Charities Fund.

Reaching this milestone, All Charities Co-Chairs and Found-

ers **Tom Davidson** and **Alan Goldstein** have announced their immediate transition to Chairmen Emeritus. Oversight of All Charities will remain with Co-Chair **Mike Berman** who has been joined by new All Charities Co-Chair **Mike Jones**.

The 2016 All Charities Auction Weekend will go down in history since the venue for the wine tasting and auction showcase – widely-attended by the Ocean Reef community – did not have its finishing touches ready in time.

But the show must go on . . . for the one combined annual fundraiser to support nonprofits on and off the Reef . . . and it did, in a 5,000 square foot tent located next to Town Hall

The silent auction held in the Tent broke all records, raising nearly \$700,000 from social and equity members alike. 2016 Co-Chair **Sarina Kinney** announced that this was up over 66% from last year's silent auction that raised \$417,321.

"The huge increase was due in part to the largest and most diverse selection of wine ever (which raised over \$72,000 alone) and a new component of online sign-up parties," said newly-appointed All Charities Chair and 2016 Co-Chair **Mike Jones**.

The amount raised ensures that important operating expenses are paid for Ocean Reef's nonprofit institutions. This year's estimated distributions will be \$1,039,364 to

the Medical Center, \$840,710 to the Cultural Center, \$521,259 to the Academy, \$326,119 to the Art League, \$282,459 to the Ocean Reef Conservation Association, and \$64,521 to ORCAT. The Ocean Reef Community Foundation's share is \$879,279, which helps fund grants distributed to nonprofit programs in Monroe and Miami-Dade counties.

Contact [allcharities@oceanreef.com](mailto:allcharities@oceanreef.com) or 305-367-5963 to learn more about volunteering on the 2017 All Charities committee led by co-chairs **Ken Karl** and **Adelaide Skoglund**. Committee meetings start in the fall to plan next year's All Charities Weekend, to be held in the new Carysfort Hall on February 10-11, 2017.