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It's Here: Time to Do Good While Having Fun!

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All Charities Weekend 2016 has arrived!

Come celebrate under the Big Top on the tennis courts next to Town Hall (*please note the location change due to construction realities*) between 4 and 7 p.m. today for the weekend's official opening. For just \$25 (or included in the ACW ticket you've already purchased), taste and vote for the wines to be featured in Ocean Reef's dining establishments for the next 12 months while enjoying the first eyes-on occasion to investigate closely the Silent Auction Showcase of hundreds of treasures, conveniences, luxuries and experiences.

Time To ...

- ◆ Browse the multitude of tables and displays.
- ◆ Find the items about which you've been curious as you've pored over the ACW catalog and clicked through the www.bidORC.org



NO, it's NOT a cruise ship — it's a MEGAYACHT, and it could be YOURS for FOUR days: The world's flagship hybrid yacht, the 274-foot Savannah, with its six stunning state rooms and staff of 22-plus, can be yours in the Mediterranean or the Caribbean for four amazing days, and three unforgettable nights. All you have to do is make the winning bid at tomorrow night's Giving Hearts Ball or by calling All Charities at 305-367-5963.

website this past week.

- ◆ Marvel over the details that make those items even more irresistible than you'd imagined.
 - ◆ Check in with the friends who are partnering with you for various adventures; finalize your game plans.
 - ◆ Bid on whatever trips your fancy.
 - ◆ Taste all the wines you already know you love, and then try a few others.
 - ◆ Choose your favorite whites or reds, or both (you can vote multiple times).
 - ◆ Revisit the items you bid on. Bid again, if need be.
 - ◆ Sip more wine, chat with friends and neighbors, make new acquaintances.
- ◆ Saturday between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., return, this time for free, and do all of the above (even some wine tasting, thanks to Mt. Veeder Magic Vineyards) again. Also, you can enjoy complimentary "Burgers, Beers and Bidding" from 12 to 2 p.m. courtesy of the Ocean Reef Chamber and Balearic Beverage.
 - ◆ Leave some time between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday to visit the free display of NetJets aircraft at the Ocean Reef Airport.
 - ◆ Saturday night is the Live Auction black tie Giving Hearts Ball; cocktails begin at 6.

Stay in the Loop!

Please Note Change of Venue

The Silent Auction Showcase including Friday's Wine Tasting and Saturday's Burgers, Beers & Bidding will be held under the Big Top Tent next to Town Hall.

All Charities

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Keep track of your bids throughout the weekend on the auction website. The Silent Auction will remain open throughout Saturday dinner and close at the end of the Live Auction. The highest bidders at that time will be the winners (you do not need to be present to win).

Winning bidders can be identified by checking "My Bids" on the bidding site. Item pick up will be between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. this Sunday at the Big Top. Invoices will be generated and mailed to the winning bidders.

An Amazing Process

"We are so excited about all the fabulous items and opportunities available, and grateful to all the people and organizations that donated them," says Co-Chair **Sarina Kinney**.

"From the winning bidders to the charities and individuals who benefit from the monies raised," adds Co-Chair **Mike Jones**, "the weekend is full of opportunities to do good while having fun. The generosity of everyone at Ocean Reef is amazing."

ACW Purpose

All Charities helps ensure the viability of not-for-profit institutions important to our Ocean Reef community (Medical Center, Cultural Center, Art League, Academy, ORCAT and Conservation Association) and provides much needed funds to dozens of worthy charities serving Homestead, Florida City and the Upper Keys. Contact the All Charities office at 305-367-5996 or AllCharities@oceanreef.com with any questions.



Let Sir Nick Faldo Be Your Host May 29 — June 2, 2016: Get ready to pack your golf clubs! With your winning bid at this weekend's All Charities Silent Auction (or online at www.bidorc.org), your amateur foursome plus your golf professional (Scott Kirkwood is available!) and spouses will be part of the annual Sam Snead Festival at The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., playing in the 36-hole Pro-Am tournament and enjoying a four-night stay at this elegant and legendary five-star resort.