

PHILANTHROPY MATTERS

# Homestead Charity Tour Dec. 6



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The community is invited to join the Ocean Reef Community Foundation on a tour of charities in the Homestead/Florida City area on the morning of Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The itinerary includes visits to the Homestead Youth Arts Center, a Redlands Christian Migrant Association childcare center, Project PetSnip and the Greater Miami Youth Symphony program at Florida City Elementary School.

The Foundation's Charity Tours are a great way for members to see the Community Grants Fund and proceeds of the All Charities Weekend at work. Tours feature

recent grant projects as well as new applicants and the opportunity to give feedback to the Grants Committee for consideration in recommending 2017 grants.

Charity Tours depart promptly at 8:30 a.m. and return by 12:30 p.m. Additional tours this season include one to the Upper Keys on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> and a second Homestead/Florida City tour on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. To reserve your seat on the motor coach for any of the tours (space is limited), please email [foundation@ocean-reef.com](mailto:foundation@ocean-reef.com) or call 305-367-4707.

**Thanks ORCF! From Key Largo School**

There's no more appropriate time than Thanksgiving to feature messages of gratitude from local charities which have benefitted from the Ocean Reef Community's generosity. This one is from Key Largo School Art Teacher Kimberly Walwer: "On behalf of my 520 art students, I would like to thank you for your support. With your grant, I have been able to purchase many exciting and enriching supplies for the students' daily use along with the most basic. Without



your support our supplies were limited to pencils and crayons. Because of your grant we are able to creatively consume gallons of paint, glue, pounds of clay and glaze, and reams of drawing and construction

paper, creating colorful masterpieces." Key Largo School (K-8) received almost \$90,000 in ORCF Community Grants in 2016, including \$1,000 for art supplies.