

There's Something for Everyone at All Charities



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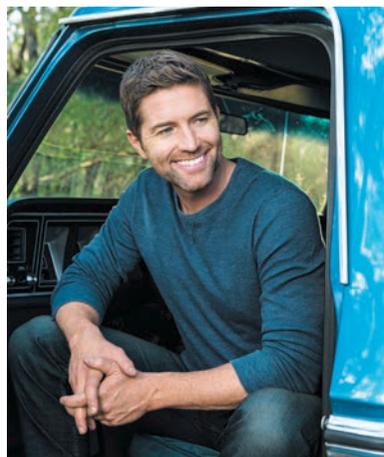
The 10th annual All Charities Weekend (ACW) Feb. 10 and 11 offers opportunities far and near, large and small.

From a Cuban adventure to a "Triple Classic" fishing opportunity in Ocean Reef's own waters, an exclusive acoustic performance by a No. 1 Billboard artist to custom jewelry, every Ocean Reef member can find a way to support the cause.

An adventure away:

Get your group of four couples together; bid successfully and you will visit Cuba in grand style. Fly round-trip Ocean-Reef-to-Havana-and-back private air on Wheels Up and spend two nights and three days exploring Cuba's capital from your home base at Hotel Saratoga, the top hotel in Old Havana (all meals and tours included).

The five-star Saratoga boasts a rich and colorful heritage; in the 1930s, writers, artists and socialites gathered under its colonnade. Do some touring, then lounge by the hotel's rooftop pool overlooking the Partagas cigar factory, the opera house and, around the corner, Floridita, one of Ernest Hemingway's favorite bars. Indulge in the inventive tapas menu at the



Josh Turner to play an All Charities benefit concert on March 9.

Anacaona Restaurant. Or savor a cigar and a mojito in the Saratoga's airy, palm-filled atrium cooled by antique ceiling fans.

An adventure nearby:

If you've fantasized about ways to get out on Ocean Reef's deep blue seas for some amazing sportfishing, gather three friends (four buddies or a family of four, guys out for a three-day weekend or a corporate group escaping the office) and bid on the Triple Classic Three Days of Luxury Fishing for Four People.

Your reward will be access to three handsome private boats and their captains (one day each): The Chesapeake (a 61' Garlington); Game On (a 69' Sport Fish Viking); and Seraphim (an 80' Merritt). You choose the three days: Three in a row, one a week, one a month.

Curious about that acoustic performance?

A special 360-degree revolving stage will create a setting more intimate than the Cultural Center around which to enjoy an intimate concert by one of the youngest members of the Grand Old Opry, a double-platinum-selling singer songwriter with record-breaking albums and No. 1 hits on the Bill-



Cuba trip by private air includes two nights at Hotel Saratoga, overlooking downtown Havana

board Country charts, the evening of March 9 in Town Hall. Barbecue dinner and drinks are included, so don your boots and your cowboy hat to support charities on and off the Reef.

"Buy It Now" reservations (\$1,500/person) can be made by contacting the All Charities office.

Jewels! From 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 24, a wine and cheese reception will be held at the Cultural Center as Chicago jeweler Lester Lampert exhibits pieces from his collection. He will generously return 20 percent of the afternoon's proceeds to All Charities.

The weekend schedule:

To kick off ACW, attend the Shop & Share in the Fishing Village from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9. The eight participating shops will give a percentage of sales to All Charities.

Plan to take part in the wine tasting and ACW Silent Auction at Carysfort Center from 4 to 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 10. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, return to Carysfort Center to enjoy Burgers, Beers and Bidding, including a complimentary lunch from noon to 2 p.m. thanks to the Ocean Reef Cham-

ber of Commerce and Florida Keys Brewing.

Or if you have a thing for beautiful planes, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, check out the Netjets aircraft display at the airport.

And finally, the 10th anniversary All Charities Gala featuring the Live Auction will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11; the Silent Auction closes at the end of the Live Auction.

All Charities' purpose:

All Charities helps ensure the viability of not-for-profit institutions important to Ocean Reef (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, helping to improve lives through grants from the Ocean Reef Community Foundation.

Questions?

Reach out to the All Charities office at 305-367-5996 or AllCharities@OceanReef.com. Additionally, if you are unable to attend the Feb. 11 ACW Live Auction, you can register proxy bids via those same contacts.