

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



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The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary **All Charities Weekend** has arrived!

Your time to plan ahead is running out, so make the most of the next 36 hours – review the catalog (the hard copy that arrived in your Ocean Reef Press last week, or online at [bidORC.org](http://bidORC.org)), then call or email your friends. Discuss the offerings on the golf course or the tennis court, decide what adventures to bid on, and with whom, while fishing the flats or the reefs or the deep blue water; finalize your game plans. **Your word of mouth will drive this weekend's**

**success**, and whatever you do and whomever you talk to, **don't forget to BID!**

Come to Carysfort Center 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 especially curious this past week.
- ◆ Marvel over the details that make those items even more irresistible than you'd imagined.
- ◆ 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 again, plus enjoy complimentary "Burgers, Beers and Bidding" from noon to 2 p.m. courtesy of the Ocean Reef Chamber and Florida Keys Brewing.

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, including for the first time at ORC the spacious Citation Latitude, a game-changer in the mid-cabin class.

Saturday is the Live Auction Gala (black tie); cocktails begin at 6.

## Stay in the loop!

Keep track of your bids throughout the weekend on the auction website. The Silent Auction remains open throughout Saturday dinner and closes 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 Carysfort Center.

## An Amazing Process

"We owe the whole community a huge thank you for donating so many fabulous items and opportunities; this wouldn't happen without your amazing support," says Co-Chair **Adelaide Skoglund**.

"It's been a lot of fun to put this together; the generosity of everyone at Ocean Reef is amazing," adds Co-Chair **Ken Karl**, noting that the end result is "a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend full of opportunities to do good while having fun."

## 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](mailto:AllCharities@oceanreef.com) with any questions (and if you simply **MUST** have one – or more – of the auction items, your time to "Bid Now!" is fading fast; call the office soon!)