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Thank You Ocean Reef! Over \$4 Million Going to Nonprofits

Ocean Reef members sure know how to party for a purpose. For the first time ever, total dollars being distributed will top **\$4 million** thanks to the All Charities giving program. **Over \$1 million** will go to worthy charitable projects in Key Largo, Homestead and Florida City, the largest amount ever going off the Reef. The official numbers will be circulated after they are approved at the annual meeting of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation.

Members raised the money by contributing to 2017 All Charities Auction Weekend and through voluntary \$195.00 donations via their club dues.

The tenth annual All Charities campaign will go down in history as the most social. In addition to the wine tasting, luncheon and gala held during All Charities Weekend, members hosted and arranged an additional 13 parties to benefit the campaign.

"That's a total of 16 social events held thanks to All Charities. It's about long-time friends getting to know each other better, and it's also a wonderful opportunity to engage new members in intimate social settings," said All Charities co-director **Mike Berman**. In all, nearly 1600 guests are enjoying grand affairs and casual get-togethers, at member homes and various locations throughout the Club.

Ironically, All Charities Weekend began because 27 different fundraisers were being held at the club, leading to "event fatigue" from the community.

Over a 10 year period, the offshoot parties auctioned at All Charities Weekend have multiplied, but there are no asks, auctions or raffles.

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Happy homeowners Bill and Carolyn Chaney & Mickey and Lucy Gilbert enjoy the view from the top of 121 Marina.



Eric Soulavay shares details on the construction process with Board Members Teresa Holmes, Bob Schmetterer and Don Waite.

121 Marina Holds "Topping Off" Celebration

Earlier this week, the first residential condominium project at Ocean Reef in nearly 20 years, reached a construction

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AROUND THE REEF

Luck of the Irish

Saturday, March 18 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Head to the Fishing Village (on the Carysfort Launch!) for fun activities for the entire family. Your Club's retail shops are also offering specials Fri-Sun on any apparel items with green in them.

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"These are enjoyable parties curated for members by members including the finest winemakers, chefs and artists. You want to be there, and many of these sell out very quickly with waiting lists. The fact that you're contributing to All Charities is an added benefit," Berman said.

All Charities' showcase event of the season was last week's Josh Turner concert at Town Hall, with a unique revolving stage. Ticket sales raised nearly \$300,000, and were purchased by equity, social, and legacy members alike who got together for a one-of-a-kind show where every seat was an amazing seat, like watching him play in your own living room. **Stephanie and Ken Karl** and **Adelaide Skoglund** and **Bill Legg** underwrote the event with the benefit of not just writing a check to the Ocean Reef Community Foun-



Bill Legg, Adelaide Skoglund, Stephanie and Ken Karl with Josh Turner, center.
Photos by Carol Ellis.

dation, but hosting an event that over 180 people will remember for a very long time.

"Raising the funds is most important, but there is so much valuable community building involved in the All Charities events," said All Charities co-director **Mike Jones**.

Mike and his wife Diane got involved in All Charities by bidding on travel experiences like golfing the Legends Invitational in Pebble Beach. "The social aspect of All Charities has

grown beyond the Ocean Reef gates, as members are planning spring, summer and fall vacations together thanks to All Charities," Jones said. Eight Ocean Reef couples will be flying by private jet to the Masters next month, and groups will be going to Cuba, cruising the Mediterranean, going on safari in Africa, and staying in magnificent villas in Costa Rica and Tuscany together. Many of the couples literally met at All Charities events and are becoming lifelong friends. "The end goal



Setting was intimate yet festive for Josh Turner concert.

is about having fun while raising the funds," Jones said.

Do you know someone who may consider donating a week at their exquisite home in an exotic location, or a celebrity or chef who could donate their time for an event at Ocean Reef? 2018 Event Co-Chairs **Cindy Manzo** and **Kathy Weiland** welcome your ideas and input for All Charities Weekend, to be held on February 9-10, 2018. Contact the All Charities office at 305-367-5996 or allcharities@oceanreef.com.