

PHILANTHROPY MATTERS

ORCF Grant Application Deadline Now Oct. 1



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The Ocean Reef Community Foundation recently changed the annual Community Grants application deadline, setting it one month earlier than in the past with applications for 2018 grants due postmarked by October 1, 2017.

All Members and employees of Ocean Reef are encouraged to recommend our Community Grants program to worthy charities. We also ask your help in



Jacobs Aquatic Center, featured Grant recipient.

communicating the new deadline to any local charities you support.

The success of the Community Grants program, which is funded primarily by the All Charities effort and awarded more than \$1 million off The Reef this year, has led to an increase in applications. The earlier deadline will give the Grants Committee time needed to process and thoroughly evaluate added proposals.

The change will also make it

possible to offer an additional Charity Tour in the next grants cycle. The community is invited to join the committee on Charity Tours to see the impact of past grants firsthand and provide vital feedback on new proposals each season. Four tours -- two to the north and two to the south, each featuring four or more charities -- will be offered next season.

Each spring the Community Grants program awards funding

to dozens of qualified charities at Ocean Reef and in Homestead, Florida City and Key Largo for projects supporting Education, Youth, Health & Family Services and Community. Interested Members and nonprofits can find guidelines, giving priorities and applications on the Community Grants page at www.orfound.org.

Featured Grant: Jacobs Aquatic Center

Key Largo will most definitely appreciate grants for shade structures this summer! According to Manager Corky Wagner, "The Jacobs Aquatic Center would like to thank the Ocean Reef Community for the ever generous support. Funding from the Foundation helps to ensure that we are able to provide a safe and fun community facility for children and their families. Recreation, education and family are the core of our vision and, with the ongoing support of ORCF, we have been able to realize and maintain that vision. Thank you again for all you do for us!"