

A Note of Thanks

Ocean Reef Community Foundation and Phoenix Fund Match Grant Award

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The Florida Keys Wild Bird Center (FKWBC) receives over 1,000 sick and injured native and migratory wild birds each year. Situated in the major

North American migration route, the FKWBC serves an extremely important role in the ecosystem serving over 100 mile radius from the Everglades to north of Marathon Key.

The FKWBC would like to thank the Ocean Reef

Community Foundation and Phoenix Fund for their extremely generous matching grant award in the amount of \$16,250 (\$11,850 and \$4,400 respectively) to restore the FKWBC Laura Quinn Wild Bird Sanctuary Visitor Center's extremely fragile boardwalk. The Sanctuary, located at MM 93, 99600 Overseas Highway in Tavernier.

The stability of the Sanctuary Boardwalk is essential to the overall organization because over 40,000 guests visit each year. Donations from Sanctuary visitors account for over one-third of the overall income to the organization.

The Sanctuary Boardwalk provides a vehicle to educate the public about how to minimize the human impact to our wild bird species through our rehabilitated Sanctuary resident's injury history. Our deepest appreciation for your continued help and support to "KEEP THEM FLYING!!!".

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