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Ocean Reef Community Foundation Announces 2012 Community Grants

The Ocean Reef Community Foundation board voted to approve its Grants Committee recommendations, made after careful vetting and evaluation of more than 50 grant applications, and is pleased to announce its complete list of 2012 Community Grants.

The Community Grants program awards funding to dozens of worthy charities at Ocean Reef and in Homestead, Florida City and Key Largo each spring for projects supporting interest areas of Education, Youth, Health & Family Services and Community.

“The Foundation’s Community Grants program is a direct result of the Ocean Reef community’s participation in the annual All Charities Auction Weekend,” said Foundation Chairman Alan Goldstein, “and we are very grateful for your support. Thanks to the community’s generosity, we will distribute more than half a million dollars in Community Grants for the first time this year.

Together we are making a meaningful difference.”

In fact, over the five years since the establishment of the All Charities Auction Weekend in 2008, more than \$6.4 million has been raised for Ocean Reef Charities and the Foundation has now received and allocated an additional \$1.8 million to local charities beyond our gates.

The 2012 All Charities Weekend raised a record setting \$1.8+ million for the Ocean Reef All Charities. This includes \$486,516 that went to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, 100 percent of which will be distributed to charities (in combination with additional donations to the Community Grants Fund) as follows:

Grants to Ocean Reef Based Organizations:

- Ocean Reef Chapel Foundation \$ 5,000
- ORCAT (at Grayvik Animal Care Center) \$30,000
- OR Historical Society \$14,000

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Why We Stay Rediscover Ocean Reef

By Debbie Dewey
On behalf of the Social Committee

Keeping a Secret

Rediscover Ocean Reef. As most of you leave for the summer, the rest of us, full timers and the Social members from all over the world and close by on the mainland start our summer of delights. The Reef becomes a different world, some suggest that this should “stay a big secret” and let the myths of the summer here prevail. Yes, the mosquitos invade, some days and the Hurricane Center is a favorite on our iPads. However, most of the time we are watching beautiful children discovering golf, tennis, snorkeling or scuba or the smart slick fashions on the beach and at the restaurants, the gorgeous shoes and the celebration of the families without the stress of school or schedules.

This contagious fun and quick beats of dances on the beach, the solitude of the empty golf course, the freedom to arrive at the gym any time of the day and stroll onto a machine, the light hearted smiles of the associates as they find time for a lingering hello. This is The Reef of the summer. We laugh at a hunt for the open restaurants, but each year the numbers allow more

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Mermaids spotted on July 4th weekend.



Beth and Ben Northrop at the Summer's Here Beach Party.

LINGER LONGER AT YOUR CLUB

Once again, we have combined the best of everything and put it into our Linger Longer Package starting from \$298 per person. See page 17 for all the details or call Lodging Reservations at 1-800-741-8333.



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OR Volunteer Fire Department	\$10,000
U.S. Coast Guard Flotilla 13-4	\$10,000
Total	\$69,000
Grants to Homestead/Florida City and Upper Keys Charitable Projects:	
Legend: Homestead (H)/Florida City (FC)/Upper Keys (UK)	
ARC Project Thrive (H/FC)	\$ 7,815
Wheelchair Ramp for kids' Therapy Module	\$ 6,815
Staff Training required for reaccreditation	\$ 1,000
Arsht Center for the Performing Arts (H/FC)/MATCH REQUIRED	
"Learning through the Arts" curriculum and live performance field trip for 1,370 5th graders	\$12,500
Autism Society of the Keys (UK)	
Early intervention therapies for autistic children	\$ 3,000
Burton Memorial United Methodist Church (UK)	\$ 7,400
AED for Common Areas/Community Events Space	\$ 1,400
Food Pantry support to balance donated food meals	\$ 6,000
Domestic Abuse Shelter (UK)	
High School youth leadership/peer advocate workshops	\$ 4,000
Feeding South Florida/	\$35,000
Food Distributions to Burton Food Pantry (UK)	\$10,000
Food Distributions to Homestead Food Pantry (H/FC)	\$25,000
<i>Note: Last year's FSF funding continues to cover support of the "Extra Helpings" Program donating ORC surplus foods.</i>	
Florida Keys Children's Shelter (UK)	
Van to transport shelter residents	\$28,000
Florida Keys Community Concert Band (UK)	
Music Mentor program and instruction for 6-8th graders in Key Largo School middle school band	\$ 4,000
Florida Keys Foster Adoptive Parents Association (UK)	
Assistance to Foster Families for unmet kids' needs	\$ 5,000
Florida Keys Wild Bird Center (UK)/MATCH REQUIRED	
Reconstruction of failing sanctuary boardwalk used by 35,000 visitors each year	\$11,850
GMVFC KIX Afterschool Program (H)	
Literacy/homework instruction and safe afterschool care for 160 disadvantaged youth	\$25,000
Habitat for Humanity (UK)/MATCH REQUIRED	
Toward multi-unit affordable new homes project on county-donated land	\$25,000
Homestead Food Pantry (H)	
Storage and equipment to improve efficiency and take advantage of additional space allocated to the program	\$25,000
Key Largo School (UK)	
"Gizmos" hands-on science software/curriculum for all 572 3rd-8th graders	\$ 5,000
MUJER (Family Violence Services)/(H/FC)	
Workshops/treatment for 40+ victims age 5-16 w/UM	\$23,830
Open House Ministries (H)	
Community garden project and healthy snacks for disadvantaged youth programs	\$ 5,000
PATCHES (H/FC)	
Adaptive sensory integration educational tools for medically complex kids in pediatric nursing daycare	\$ 8,000
RCMA Centro Villas Child Development Center (H/FC)	
Toward replacing aging, unsafe playground equipment	\$10,000
South Dade Child Development Center (H/FC)	
Computers to establish Technology Resource Area	\$12,786
South Florida National Parks Trust (UK)	
With matching funds from OR Conservation Association, provides 7 Florida Bay curriculum and field programs for 5 Upper Keys schools	\$ 4,500
South Florida Science Museum (H/FC)	
Science Passport Educational program for 500 Title 1 Elementary School students	\$10,000
SFLUM/Branches Florida City (H/FC)	
Supervised afterschool and summer care for at-risk youth	\$25,000
Take Stock in Children/Monroe Co. Ed. Foundation (UK)	
College scholarships for mentor program students	\$50,000
United Way of the Florida Keys (UK)	
Use of a refrigerated truck to allow Burton Food Pantry to receive additional available food donations	\$15,000
Wesley House Family Services (UK)	
Subsidized childcare for working poor	\$15,000
YMCA of Greater Miami (\$62K)	
Summer Learning Loss Prevention Camp (H/FC)	\$30,000
Marine Bio Summer Learning Loss Prevention Camp (UK)	\$30,000
Competitive Edge Tennis Program (UK)	\$ 2,000
Total in Homestead, Florida City and Upper Keys	\$439,681
Total On & Off Reef Grants	\$508,681

To learn more, please call the Foundation at 367-4707 or visit www.orfound.org.



The children of South Dade Child Development Center displayed colorful banners and performed several festive song and dance numbers as a "thank you" to the Ocean Reef Community for the new covered walkways (in the background) which now allow them to walk between buildings in inclement weather as a group of Grants Committee and Ocean Reef members looked on earlier this season. The Foundation awarded a \$21,500 matching grant for the walkways during last year's grant cycle.

