

Ocean Reef Community Foundation Announces 2013 Community Grants

The Ocean Reef Community Foundation Board of Directors recently voted to approve its Grants Committee recommendations, made after months of careful vetting and evaluation of more than 50 grant applications, and is pleased to announce its complete list of 2013 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. Thanks to the community's extraordinary generosity, the Foundation

will be able to distribute an unprecedented amount this year.

Since the first All Charities Auction Weekend in 2008, more than \$12 million has been raised for Ocean Reef All Charities Partners which, in addition to the Foundation, include the Reef's Academy, Art League, Conservation Association, Cultural Center, Medical Center and now ORCAT. Including this year's grants, the Foundation has allocated \$2.9 million to local charities, \$2.45 million of it beyond the gates.

The 2013 All Charities Auction Weekend raised a record setting \$2.54 million for the Ocean Reef All Charities Partners. The Ocean Reef Community Foundation's share of auction proceeds — \$619,358 — will be distributed as follows:

Grants to Ocean Reef Based Organizations:

Ocean Reef Chapel Foundation	
Roof replacement project	\$10,000
ORCC Historical Society	
Scanning of historical documents and photos to make available on ORCC Library computers	\$10,000
Ocean Reef Volunteer Fire Department	
Contribution to ambulance lease	\$10,000
Replacement sets of deteriorating bunker gear	\$ 6,000
U.S. Coast Guard Flotilla 13-4	
Maintenance of the FREDRICK B. WELLS vessel	\$10,000
Total	\$46,000

Grants to Homestead/Florida City and Upper Keys Charitable Projects:

Legend: Homestead (H)/Florida City (FC)/Upper Keys (UK)
ARC Project Thrive (H/FC)

Playground equipment, surfacing and installation for new building for special needs children	\$23,248
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	\$16,000
Autism Society of the Keys (UK)	
ipads for autistic children and training for families to maximize benefits	\$ 5,000
Branches Florida City (H/FC/UK)	\$40,000 total
“Get Out of the Line” Program to assist families using Homestead & Burton (UK) food pantries to gain financial independence	\$15,000
Civic development/engagement program for Teen Program including leadership workshop series	\$25,000
Camillus House (H/FL)	
CHEER educational initiative for homeless children	\$ 5,000
City Year (H/FL)	
Mentoring, academic support and drop out prevention at Homestead Senior High School	\$25,000
Domestic Abuse Shelter (UK)	
Youth Primary Prevention Programs in Keys elementary and middle schools	\$10,000
Feeding South Florida (H/FL/UK)	
Food distributions and services for Burton Food Pantry (UK), Homestead Food Pantry (H/FC) and the “Extra Helpings” Program donating ORC surplus foods in both communities	\$50,000
Florida International University School of Environment, Arts & Society (UK)	
Discover Our Backyard Program at Key Largo School	\$ 2,000
Florida Keys Children's Shelter (UK)	
Security System, 7 laptop computers and institutional grade furnishings which prevent boundary issues	\$23,000
Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition Upper Keys Safety Program(UK)	
Child safety equipment for homes and vehicles and safety education training for low income families	\$10,000
GMVFC KIX Teen Program (H)	
Expanded computer lab, educational experiences and academic and extracurricular support program	

designed to bolster college admissions \$15,000
Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys (UK)/MATCH REQUIRED

Toward additional affordable homes in the Mandalay project on county-donated land \$25,000

Homestead Food Pantry (H)
Lighting, food storage, benches and a take-a-number system to improve efficiency \$ 7,200

Island Dolphin Care (UK)
Scholarships for dolphin-assisted therapy programs for special needs children in medical and financial crisis \$ 8,800
Jacobs Aquatic Center (UK)

Anti-slip deck matting for safety and additional shade structures \$25,000

Key Largo School (UK)
“Gizmos” hands-on science software/curriculum for all 572 3rd-8th graders, AVID organizational systems for all middle school students and bus transportation to participate in the Arsht Center “Learning Through the Arts” program \$11,961

MUJER (Family Violence Services)/(H/FC)
Breaking the Secret Workshops w/University of Miami and follow up therapy for 40+ abused children \$25,000

Open House Ministries (H)
Effort to supplement the poor diets of low income children with nutritious foods \$ 4,800

PATCHES (H/FC)
Cardiac Rhythm Monitor, state required kitchen upgrades and four computers for nursing staff \$18,200
RCMA Centro Villas Child Development Center (H/FC) MATCHING REQUIRED

Playground shade structure \$ 5,000
South Dade Child Development Center (H/FC)

“Smart Board” technology \$ 8,000
South Florida Science Museum (H/FC)

Science Passport Educational program for 750 Title 1 Elementary School students \$15,000

Take Stock in Children/Monroe Co. Ed. Foundation (UK)
College scholarships for mentor program students \$75,000

YMCA of Greater Miami (\$95K)
Summer Learning Loss Prevention Camp (H/FC) \$35,000

West Homestead Elementary Afterschool Program \$10,000

Marine Bio Summer Learning Loss Prevention Camp (UK) \$35,000

Key Largo School Afterschool Program \$15,000

Total in Homestead, Florida City and Upper Keys \$548,209

Reserved in the Urgent Response Grant Fund \$25,000

Allocated for Off Reef Charities \$573,209

Total On & Off Reef Grants \$619,209

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



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