

Pouring With Purpose at All Charities Weekend: Imagine the Possibilities

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On **February 3, 2024**, as corks pop and glasses clink, together we will celebrate and raise a toast to a noble cause: All Charities Weekend. The creation of All Charities was inspired by wine, beginning as the Ocean Reef Community Foundation Wine Auction Dinner in 1999 with the generous donation of an extraordinary collection. Wine, a cornerstone of this annual event, plays a pivotal role in our journey to make a difference.

The weekend's culmination, the Saturday night gala with its live auction, always features highly coveted items, including adventures steeped in centuries-old winemaking traditions while exploring renowned vineyards at home and abroad.

Imagine the possibilities... Visualize an unforgettable week in France with esteemed



personal concierge and sommelier Ethan Dupree. Embark on a journey through the vineyards and cellars of exclusive châteaux, uncovering the rich history, art, wine, and food of the Old World. Or... immerse yourself in the luxury of a Tuscan villa complete with a private chef, pasta-making classes, wine pairings, guided tours, and a wine-making workshop. Or... opt for an unforgettable behind-the-scenes Napa Valley experience, crafting personalized private label wines at Mount Veeder Magic Vineyards, hosted by the lovely winemaker herself, Karen Crouse. These curated trips from past All Charities Weekends delivered an intoxicating blend of culture, history, and, of course, fine wine. This year's live auction promises nothing less.

Imagine the possibilities... Too, right here at Ocean Reef our First Dibs dinners offer extraordinary opportunities for wine enthusiasts. Swirl, sniff, and sip in the exclusive company of celebrated

winemakers like Paul Hobbs. Embark on a culinary journey pairing wines with Napa Valley's finest, including the iconic Eisele Vineyards. Or savor the luxury of Champagne tickling your nose while playing leisurely rounds of golf, honoring the legacy of Dom Pérignon with John and Mary Lee's Fine Wine Society. Extraordinary opportunities like these await you.

Or is savoring wine at home with your loved ones your happy place? Then don't miss the "Cheers" section of the All Charities silent auction – a treasure trove of remarkable bottles promising unique journeys of taste and terroir.

Imagine the possibilities... Your wine cellar stocked with "Cheers" past headliners, such as 12 bottles of 2000 Château Lafite Rothschild, securely smuggled in their original wooden case; six bottles of the ultra-rare 2015 Harlan Estate Proprietary Red Wine rated 100 points by Robert Parker; or a half dozen bottles of Napa's

legendary Screaming Eagle Second Flight 2014. Cheers to that!

You can help make the imagined real... Do you have some wine to share? Your contributions make a genuine impact and every drop counts. We'll gladly provide packaging and shipping for your generous donation. To donate to this season's All Charities Auction, please contact Lesa Crayne or Amy Cornaire at 305-367-5996 or via email at allcharities@oceanreef.com.

Since 2008, together we have raised over \$63 million, enabling ORCF to provide a multitude of local financial grants focused on youth, education, community, health, and family services – improving lives here at Ocean Reef and outside the gates in our neighboring communities. Come February 3, let's all raise a toast at the All Charities Gala: **To possibilities imagined**, and to good health, giving hearts, and making the world a better place.