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**YMCA OF GREATER MIAMI RECEIVES \$54,000 IN GRANTS
FROM THE OCEAN REEF FOUNDATION**

Funds will benefit children's summer programs in the Upper Keys and Homestead

MIAMI (June 8, 2011) - The YMCA of Greater Miami is the recipient of a \$54,000 grant from the Ocean Reef Foundation that will benefit the Upper Keys YMCA Program Center's and the Homestead YMCA Family Center's summer camp programs and the Upper Keys YMCA's Competitive Edge Tennis Program. The funds will be used to hire staff and assist the YMCA with program expenses such as supplies, equipment and field trips and subsidize fees for qualifying children and families.

“Because of the Ocean Reef Foundation’s grant, the Y is able to offer affordable summer programming that promotes youth development, healthy living and social responsibility to our youth through summer camp at the Y,” said Alfred Sanchez, president and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Miami. “We are thankful for the Ocean Reef Foundation’s support and invite community members to give to programs that help our local youth learn, grow and thrive.”

The Upper Keys YMCA summer camp program will receive \$32,000 in funds to continue literacy and marine biology as part of the summer camp curricula. These activities will allow participating children to benefit from a more enriching, educational and exciting summer camp experience. In the same way, the Homestead YMCA Family Center will get \$20,000 in funds to help provide a safe and engaging summer camp program that encourages children to participate in literacy and creative activities. While the Upper Keys YMCA Competitive Edge Tennis Program will use \$2,000 in funds to subsidize fees for children whose families lack the necessary financial resources to allow them to participate in the program. Also, the youths will have the opportunity to participate in tournaments where they play tennis competitively with other youth.

For more information on the Ocean Reef Foundation, please visit www.orfound.org.

For more information on summer camp at the Y, including locations and registration, please call 305-357-4000 or visit <http://www.ymcamiami.org/Summer-Camp-Program-Guide.html>. Summer camp registration is now open; camps run from June 13 through August 19.

About YMCA of Greater Miami

With family centers throughout Miami-Dade and upper Monroe County, the YMCA of Greater of Miami is one of South Florida's leading non-profit organizations. The Y engages the South Florida community to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve the nation's health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. Focusing on strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, the Y offers services such as youth sports, aquatics, after-school, preschool and child care, summer camp, health and fitness programs, and membership. For more information about the YMCA of Greater Miami, call toll free 1-877-WOW-YMCA or visit www.ymcamiami.org.

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