



UNITED WAY
Collier and the Keys



FEBRUARY 2020

United Way of Collier and the Keys (UWCK) announced a \$3.5 million gift from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to fund cutting-edge and innovative projects in reef restoration and education.

THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR WORK

The congressional briefing underscored the critical role of reef restoration in ensuring a sustainable future for both the environment and the community. UWCK's efforts have been spotlighted by United Way Worldwide and featured in national and international publications, bringing vital attention to this initiative.



MAY 2021/FEBRUARY 2022

2021: Initial funding announced for local non-profit organizations: Reef Renewal USA for Sombrero Reef and Coral Restoration Foundation for Carysfort Reef.

2022: Additional funding announced for Reef Renewal USA to begin restoration work on Looe Key.



SEPTEMBER 2022

UWCK was a presenting sponsor of the Reef Futures Conference, the premier event uniting global coral restoration experts to share innovative techniques and scale-up restoration efforts.



AS OF MAY 2024

Over the past 4 years, Marine Science Education Grants have reached 19,484 students with \$97,589 in funding, while Marine Science Educational Advancement Scholarships have supported 16 students with \$68,685.



WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS...

UWCK is committed to empowering the community to protect and restore our unique Florida Keys ecosystems. Through innovative programs and strong partnerships, we're working towards a sustainable future—one where our community thrives alongside a healthy environment. **Join us and be part of the solution!**

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