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2ND ANNUAL TURKS & CAICOS REEF FUND COCKTAIL PARTY AND FUNDRAISER
SCHEDULED FOR 26 JANUARY 2013

7 January 2013, Providenciales, TCI – The Turks & Caicos Reef Fund (TCRF) announced the date of its 2nd Annual Cocktail Party and Fundraiser. It will be held on 26 January 2013 at the Grace Bay Club. The event will feature a silent auction, and hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and music by David and Shara Bowen, as well as a raffle for a three-night stay at Parrot Cay.

“We are very excited about this event,” said Don Stark, Chairman of the TCRF. “Last year’s event generated nearly \$8500 which we reinvested into our marine environmental protection efforts. In the past year we have done more repair and maintenance work on the snorkel trail around the Bight Reef in front of the Windsong and Coral Gardens resorts, we have begun working with the Department of Environment and Maritime Affairs to rehabilitate the dive and snorkel boat moorings around all of the islands in the TCI and have initiated some new educational programs with groups such as West Indies Collegiate.”

David Stone, Deputy Chairman of the TCRF added, “We are very grateful to all the local businesses who have so generously donated to the silent auction. We have many restaurant gift certificates, home décor items, artwork, and some exciting island excursions that will be up for bid on the silent auction. We are also especially grateful to Parrot Cay who increased their donation for our raffle from a 2-night to a 3-night stay at their wonderful resort.”

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Upon arrival at the event at Grace Bay Club, guests will be greeted with a glass of champagne compliments of The Wine Cellar. Hors d'oeuvres will be passed throughout the event, with a cash bar, and David and Shara Bowen will provide the musical entertainment. Tickets are \$40 in advance (\$45 at the door). They are available at the Unicorn Bookstore or by contacting Don Stark (347-8455) or David Stone (346-3111). The Parrot Cay Raffle tickets are \$25 each or 4 for \$100 (the 3-night stay is valued at \$2,057.00).

About TCRF

Founded in 2010, the Turks & Caicos Reef Fund is an all volunteer-run organization that provides funding for education, research and conservation programs to individuals, organizations and agencies that help to preserve and protect the marine environment of the Turks & Caicos Islands. Our goal is to have at least 85% of all funds raised through voluntary contributions from divers and snorkelers visiting the Turks & Caicos Islands directed to the Fund's programs.

Anyone wishing to donate or assist the TCRF in any way can contact them through their website, www.TCReef.org. Scuba divers visiting the islands are encouraged to make a \$10 donation through the purchase of a dive tag that can be attached to their dive gear to show their support. Snorkelers visiting the islands can show their support through the \$5 purchase of a pink or blue silicone wristband. A complete list of outlets for TCRF merchandise can be found on the organization's website.

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