Thanks to four passionate and forward thinking individuals, Friends of the Environment (FRIENDS) was established in Abaco, Bahamas in 1988. Since then, many people, in many ways, have contributed to the development of the organization and influenced its impact on Abaco. Our mission is to preserve the environment of Abaco, The Bahamas through education, conservation, and research facilitation. One of the largest “family islands”, Abaco’s economy, culture, and quality of life rely significantly on a healthy environment. FRIENDS works primarily in environmental education, helping locals and visitors understand how they can be part of maintaining a healthy environment and ensuring that future generations have a say in how their environment is managed. FRIENDS prides itself on building strong partnerships to help expand our reach and improve conservation results. FRIENDS’ vision is to see Abaco as an island community that is living sustainably, and proud to be stewards of our rich biodiversity.

We look forward to seeing you soon, as we come together to rebuild so that we can continue to reach future generations of Abaco’s leaders through education, conservation, and research facilitation.

There is still time to join the party or donate towards the rebuild of FRIENDS’ Education Center that was destroyed in hurricane Dorian. Click here to purchase tickets.

We are grateful for your support as we navigate life after Hurricane Dorian, and look forward to an exciting future for Friends of the Environment!

Saturday February 29, 2020, 5-8pm
318 Arabian Rd.
Palm Beach, Florida

Island cocktails, bites, live auction, and naming opportunities for the Friends of the Environment Education Center.

Preview some of our exciting live auction items!

**Weekend in Nashville**
Custom package including a hotel stay, personal tour and entrance to live recording session.

**Crown Verity Grill**
High quality stainless steel grill. Shipped anywhere in the continental US or Canada.

**Weekend at Abaco Inn for Two**
Cherokee Air Round Trip, Taxi, and ferry to get you there!

**Islena Charter, Singer Island**
Half day sport fishing charter for up to 6 people. Bait and tackle included.

**Three Forks Ranch**
Three nights for two. Tradition-inspired luxury in Wyoming. Wellness, spa services, outdoor recreation and more!

**Eleuthera Weekend**
Enjoy a two night stay in a luxurious king suite at Ocean Tally. Breakfast included!

**Autographed Guitar**
Signed by Keith Urban

**Abaco Club**
Five night stay with unlimited golf!

Advance bids will be accepted up until noon on February 29th.
Contact cha@friendsoftheenvironment.org.
Make sure to pick up your auction paddle when you arrive at the event.
Planning for a new Education Centre:

Sadly, our former education center was destroyed in Hurricane Dorian. This building had been our home since 2007 and housed a classroom where many of the indoor educational activities took place, The Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation’s Museum and The Bahamas’ first natural history exhibit, and the offices of FRIENDS. We are determined to rebuild, and to do so in a way that incorporates our growing needs while being considerate of sustainability and climate adaptation. We also hope to build a few spare offices that can be utilized by other NGO’s to facilitate getting them back on the ground in Abaco. We are still working on the layout and are open to feedback!

Be part of our exciting future by naming one of our new rooms!

Pledge a donation for a room in the new education center building and we will raise a plaque to honor you or a loved one.

- Classroom - $50,000
- Welcome Centre/Museum - $50,000
- Kitchen - $25,000
- Deck - $25,000
- Meeting Room - $20,000
- NGO multi-purpose room - $20,000
- FRIENDS Office (5) - $10,000
- Bathroom (2) - $10,000
- other NGO offices (4) - $10,000
- Large storage - $8,000
- Small storage (2) - $5,000
- Copy Centre - $5,000

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