THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH UNITED WAY KICKS OFF GRANT REVIEW PROCESS WITH ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEET AND GREET

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PALM BEACH, Florida – Volunteers kicked off the Town of Palm Beach United Way’s grant review process Monday, January 21, with a meet and greet cocktail party at the home of Robert and Christine Stiller.

Each year, the Town of Palm Beach United Way entrusts Allocation Committee volunteers to serve as the eyes and ears of more than 3,500 donors as they assess community needs, analyze grant applications and recommend where to invest donors’ dollars. Last year’s committee allocated $3.2 million into 82 health and human service programs at 45 non-profit community partner agencies in Palm Beach County that will help 361,000 children and adults.

“The Town of Palm Beach United Way allocation process is a unique, volunteer-driven process that ensures thousands of donations are effectively and efficiently being used to impact the most people and meet the greatest needs in our community,” said Board Chairman Jay Boodheshwar. “Our generous contributors know that their dollars are being invested in well-vetted programs at highly scrutinized agencies that have proven they can make real, lasting change in Palm Beach County.”

This year, 105 volunteers on 14 teams (list attached) will participate in the allocation process. They’ll evaluate grant requests from 45 local non-profits for help funding education, health and income-based programs in Palm Beach County. During the next three months, volunteers will analyze key financial documents, visit the agencies, meet with staff and board members, and ultimately make funding recommendations to the Town of Palm Beach United Way Board of Trustees.

“It’s a challenging yet rewarding experience that allows volunteers to learn more about the needs of our community while seeing firsthand how donations make a direct impact in people’s lives,” said Allocation General Chairwomen Christina Dennis, Louise Snyder and Christine Stiller. “Allocation Committee volunteers bring a broad range of expertise and skill to this process, and their knowledge, passion, and dedication is invaluable to the Town of Palm Beach United Way and the community we serve.”

Since the Allocation Committee review process began in 1945, more than $72 million has been invested in programs that build strong educational foundations for children, support family financial stability, create healthy communities and improve the quality of life for struggling residents in Palm Beach County.

For more information about the Town of Palm Beach United Way please call 561.655.1919 or visit www.palmbeachunitedway.org.

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