



Town of Palm Beach United Way

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## TOWN OF PALM BEACH UNITED WAY ALLOCATION COMMITTEE CELEBRATES END OF GRANT REVIEW PROCESS WITH VIRTUAL COCKTAIL PARTY

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**PALM BEACH, Fla.** – The Town of Palm Beach United Way hosted a virtual cocktail party on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, to thank its Allocation Committee volunteers and celebrate the end of the organization’s grant review process.

The Town of Palm Beach United Way Allocation Committee is a group of Palm Beach residents, professionals and civic leaders responsible for evaluating funding requests from dozens of local nonprofit agencies. Volunteers spend three months reviewing applications, analyzing financial data, and meeting with agency staff and board members. At the end of the process volunteers vote on funding recommendations to present to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

This year, 83 volunteers (list attached) devoted over 5,000 collective hours to the allocation process. They are recommending investing \$3,575,850 to support 79 programs at 42 nonprofit agencies. The Board of Trustees will vote on the funding recommendations on May 6, 2021.

“We could not be more proud of our volunteers,” said Board Chairman **Mary Freitas**. “Despite the challenges caused by the pandemic, they remained committed and involved throughout the process. Due to their diligence and dedication, our donors know that contributions to our United Way are going to well-vetted organizations in Palm Beach County with quality programs that are making a measurable difference in the lives of individuals and families in need.”

Allocation Committee volunteers are divided into 13 teams that focus on the following impact areas: Early Childhood, Middle School, High School and After, Medical and Dental, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Older Adults and Caregivers, Disabilities and Special Needs, Access to Jobs and Job Training, Financial Education and Community-Based Support, Food Assistance, Housing Support and Domestic Violence.

Since the allocation process began in 1945, more than \$97 million has been invested in programs that put kids on the path to graduation, ensure vulnerable residents live healthy and safe lives, and help individuals and families break the cycle of poverty.

“We fund programs that touch nearly all sectors of social need in our community, which help improve individual lives but also make Palm Beach County stronger as a whole,” said **Christina Dennis, Joyce Reingold and Louise Snyder**, General Chairmen of the Allocation Committee. “From literacy programs and mentoring to health clinics and adult day centers to food banks and emergency shelters – our volunteers make sure United Way dollars are invested into programs and agencies that are meeting the needs of our community and creating lasting impact.”

For more information about the Town of Palm Beach United Way or allocation process please call 561.655.1919 or visit [www.palmbeachunitedway.org](http://www.palmbeachunitedway.org).

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