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THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH UNITED WAY RECEIVES RECORD NUMBER OF DONATIONS FOR 6TH ANNUAL BOXED FOR SUCCESS SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

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PALM BEACH, Fla., – Hundreds of children will be able to start the school year with the tools they need to succeed thanks to record-breaking donations to the 6th Annual Boxed for Success School Supply Drive.

The drive, organized by the Town of Palm Beach United Way's Youth United Committee in collaboration with the *Palm Beach Daily News* and Palm Beach Fire-Rescue, ran from July 9, 2018 to August 6, 2018. Supplies are distributed to students at three Title 1 elementary schools in Palm Beach County: Belle Glade, C.O. Taylor/Kirklane and Highland Elementary Schools.

Boxed for Success collected more than 52,250 individual supplies, including 13,200 sheets of notebook paper, 6,000 crayons, 4,547 pencils, 2,330 tissues, 1,323 markers, 538 glue sticks and 316 notebooks. The drive also received more than \$13,100 in cash donations. All supplies and cash donations are distributed evenly to the schools.

Donors submitted 44 entries to the box decorating contest. The Youth United Committee awarded prizes in four categories. This year's winners are:

Best Overall (\$100 Amazon Gift Card) **Mr. Parker Pressly**, Palm Beach

Most Creative (\$25 Amazon Gift Card) **Mrs. Joann Cioffoletti**, Loxahatchee

Most Colorful (\$25 Amazon Gift Card) **Mr. Holden Smith**, West Palm Beach

Best Theme (\$25 Amazon Gift Card) **Ms. Kaitlynn Ovian**, Palm City

"Being able to be a part of this year's Boxed for Success meant a lot to us because we got to be a part of making kids feel happy," said **Mercedes Cassidy** and **Lily Guari**, co-chairs of Youth United. "This being our first year as co-chairs, we did not know what to expect. Reaching this amount made us so proud and we are thrilled knowing these supplies will help students in need."

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About Youth United

The Town of Palm Beach United Way's Youth United Committee consists of students in grades 6 to 12 who are passionate about helping their communities, engaging their peers and improving opportunities for youth in Palm Beach County. Youth United members are the next generation of philanthropic leaders. For more information, call us at 561.655.1919 or visit www.palmbeachunitedway.org.

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