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TOWN OF PALM BEACH UNITED WAY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE TO BENEFIT LOW-INCOME ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN PALM BEACH COUNTY

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PALM BEACH, Fla., July 9, 2018 – The 6th Annual Town of Palm Beach United Way “Boxed for Success” School Supply Drive begins July 9 and runs through August 6.

Every year, the United Way’s Youth United Committee organizes the drive to benefit Title 1 elementary schools in Palm Beach County. This year, the committee chose Belle Glade Elementary, C.O. Taylor/Kirklane Elementary in Palm Springs and Highland Elementary in Lake Worth.

More than 90 percent of students at these schools are economically disadvantaged.

“The supplies we collect go to the students, parents and schools who need them most,” said **Jay Boodheshwar**, board chairman. “Most of these students have parents who work minimum wage jobs and struggle to make ends meet. Many speak English as a second language. Some are homeless. Donations to our school supply drive brighten the school year for thousands of students and help put them on the path to success.”

The drive also features a box decorating contest. Participants should decorate a shoebox with supplies and their contact information inside. Prizes will be awarded for the following categories: Best Overall, Best Theme, Most Creative and Most Colorful.

Donations, including checks made payable to Town of Palm Beach United Way, and shoeboxes are accepted at the following locations in Palm Beach:

- United Way Office: 44 Coconut Row, Suite M201
- Palm Beach Daily News: 400 Royal Palm Way, Suite 100
- Palm Beach Fire-Rescue Stations: 300 North County Road, 355 South County Road and 2185 South Ocean Boulevard

Last year, Boxed for Success collected \$2,500 in cash donations, along with 17,840 sheets of paper, 3,424 crayons, 2,771 pencils, 1,173 markers, 486 glue sticks and so much more.

“There is nothing better than the feeling of starting off your school year with new pencils, pens, erasers and highlighters,” said **Mercedes Cassidy** and **Lily Guari**, co-chairs of Youth United. “We are so fortunate to be able to experience the excitement of back-to-school shopping and we want to do everything we can to allow other kids to feel excited and prepared for their new school year.”

For more information or questions, please contact the Town of Palm Beach United Way at (561)655-1919 or visit www.palmbeachunitedway.org.

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