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Town of Palm Beach United Way receives new matching gift from donors Susan and Dom Telesco to support COVID-19 relief efforts

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The Town of Palm Beach United Way recently received a matching gift from donors Susan and Dom Telesco to help continue coronavirus relief efforts in Palm Beach County. The Telescocos have pledged to match community donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000. The COVID-19 Emergency Fund currently totals \$1.2 million.

“The Town of Palm Beach United Way has done an amazing job of supporting nonprofits in our community, who in turn are providing basic needs for thousands of struggling individuals and families throughout Palm Beach County,” said Susan Telesco. “As stress and uncertainty continue, Dom and I hope another matching gift will continue to encourage Palm Beach residents to give generously.”

Through more than 250 contributions, the Town of Palm Beach United Way has already matched previous gifts from **Julie and Mike Connors, Christina Dennis, the J. Ira and Nicki Harris Family Foundation, Bob and Signa Hermann, Michele and Howard Kessler, Dorothy and Sidney Kohl, Danielle Moore, John and Jana Scarpa, Sally and Bill Soter, the A. Alfred Taubman Foundation, Bill and Norma Tiefel and Susan and Bob Wright.**

“As COVID-19 continues to impact our community, we will continue our efforts to raise funds,” said General Campaign Chairman Gail Coniglio. “We are so grateful to all the individuals and families who have led the way in supporting our neighbors in need.”

The COVID-19 Emergency Fund is being distributed to nonprofit agencies throughout Palm Beach County that are providing vital social services such as food, childcare, mental health counseling, telehealth services, diapers, baby formula, medical supplies, personal protective equipment and financial assistance to individuals and families in need.

Grants have already been awarded to 22 organizations: Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, Best Buddies, Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope, Caridad Center, Center for Child Counseling, Clinics Can Help, CROS Ministries, El Sol, Families First, Farmworkers Coordinating Council, Feed the Hungry Pantry of Palm Beach County, Feeding South Florida, Habitat for Humanity, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, Legal Aid Society, Palm Beach County Food Bank, Palm Beach Habilitation Center, The Cotton Bottom Diaper Bank, The Glades Initiative, The Lord’s Place, YMCA of the Palm Beaches and YMCA of South Palm Beach County.

“Many of our Habitat homeowners have reported job loss or a reduction in income due to the coronavirus,” said Amy Mauser, Chief Development Officer for Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County. “Generous funding from the Town of Palm Beach United Way is supporting our families with directed help to keep their monthly housing payments up-to-date during this unprecedented time.”

To donate to the Coronavirus Emergency Fund visit www.palmbeachunitedway.org/coronavirus-emergency-fund or call 561-655-1919. Checks can be made payable to Town of Palm Beach United Way with “COVID-19 Fund” in the memo and mailed to 44 Coconut Row, Suite M201, Palm Beach, FL 33480.

Donations are tax deductible and 100% will go directly to local organizations delivering services to disadvantaged and under-resourced communities most impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak.

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