



Town of Palm Beach United Way receives new \$50,000 matching gift from Palm Beach residents Mickey and Larry Beyer

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Longtime donors **Mickey and Larry Beyer** are the latest Palm Beach residents to offer a matching gift toward the Town of Palm Beach United Way's COVID-19 Emergency Fund. The couple will match community donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000. The fund currently totals more than \$1.4 million.

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The Town of Palm Beach United Way has so far distributed 61 grants to various nonprofit agencies in Palm Beach County supporting residents in need. Funds have helped provide childcare, food, baby supplies, rent and utility assistance, staff support, personal protective equipment, hygiene products, mental health services, medical supplies and virtual learning programs for thousands of Palm Beach County individuals and families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Record high unemployment continues to impact the ability of our neighbors to purchase food, pay rent and provide for their families," said Mickey Beyer. "The need in our community is still great, and Larry and I want to encourage others to continue supporting Palm Beach County residents impacted by this public health crisis."

Through more than 300 contributions, the Town of Palm Beach United Way has already matched a combined \$650,000 donated by **Julie and Mike Connors, Christine and Alan Curtis, Mary and Marvin Davidson, 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, Susan and Dom Telesco, Bill and Norma Tiefel and Susan and Bob Wright.**

"The Town of Palm Beach United Way continues to receive funding requests from nonprofits throughout Palm Beach County serving as lifelines for residents in need," said Board Chairman **Mary Freitas**. "Many families are experiencing financial hardship for the first time. Donations to our COVID fund are helping prevent homelessness and suffering for hundreds of children and adults in our community."

COVID-19 Emergency Fund grants have so far been awarded to 28 organizations: Adopt-A-Family, Best Buddies, Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope, Caridad Center, Catholic Charities, Center for Child Counseling, Clinics Can Help, CROS Ministries, El Sol, Families First, Farmworker Coordinating Council, Feed the Hungry Pantry of Palm Beach County, Feeding South Florida, Habitat for Humanity, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County, Legal Aid Society, Milagro Center, Palm Beach County Food Bank, Palm Beach Habilitation Center, The Arc of The Glades, The Cotton Bottom Diaper Bank, The Glades Initiative, The Lord's Place, The Salvation Army of Palm Beach County, YMCA of the Palm Beaches and YMCA of South Palm Beach County.

"We've seen an increased demand for food, housing and counseling needs through programs such as the Hunger, Homeless and Outreach and the Bakhita Empowerment Program for human trafficking survivors," said **Francisco Chevere**, CEO of Catholic Charities Diocese of Palm Beach. "Funding from the Town of Palm Beach United Way is being used to help our most vulnerable clients with rent assistance and utility payments."

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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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