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## Town of Palm Beach United Way Food Drive to be held April 4 through April 15; including drive thru drop off at the Flagler Museum

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**PALM BEACH, FL** – The Town of Palm Beach United Way 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Your Pantry Food Drive will run from Monday, April 4 through Friday, April 15. A 1-day drive thru drop off event will be held on Saturday, April 9 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum in Palm Beach.

Non-perishable food items will be collected to benefit food insecure individuals and families in Palm Beach County. Donors can drop off items at any of the Palm Beach fire stations throughout the 2-week drive. Donors who attend the Saturday event at the Flagler Museum can drive thru or walk up to the collection station near the gated entrance to drop off items. Volunteers with the museum's Flagler's Spirit team will collect the donations.

"As the price of food and other essential items continues to rise, this annual drive is an opportunity to help our nonprofit partner agencies support families in need in our community," said Board Chairman Mary Freitas. "Food insecurity is a reality for tens of thousands of people in Palm Beach County, and these drives are vital to helping meet increasing requests for food assistance."

Each year the Town of Palm Beach United Way chooses two of its nonprofit partner agencies to benefit from the drive. The agencies rotate each year. This year clients of Boca Helping Hands and CROS Ministries will receive items.

Boca Helping Hands is a community-based nonprofit that provides food, medical and financial assistance, as well as education, job training and guidance to help individuals and families become self-sufficient.

"Boca Helping Hands is grateful to be a beneficiary of the Empty Your Pantry Food Drive," said Greg Hazle, executive director of Boca Helping Hands. "Food drives like this are always a significant source for our food recovery efforts - and are even more critical now with shortages in food donations due to inflation and supply chain issues. This is one more reason why we are happy to be partners with the Town of Palm Beach United Way."

CROS Ministries operates seven community food pantries throughout Palm Beach County, a hot meal kitchen, and a gleaning program that recovers produce from local farms.

"We are grateful to be a participant in this year's Town of PB United Way's Food Drive," said Ruth Mageria, executive director of CROS Ministries. "With the rising cost of gas prices, skyrocketing rents, and long-term challenges from the pandemic, our neighbors and friends will continue to need help putting food on the table, paying their bills and taking care of their families."

Monetary donations will also gladly be accepted. Residents can donate online at [www.palmbeachunitedway.org/food-drive](http://www.palmbeachunitedway.org/food-drive) or send a check. Checks should be payable to Town of Palm Beach United Way with "Food Drive" in the memo and mailed to the United Way office at 44 Coconut Row, Suite M201, Palm Beach, FL 33480.

Food Drive partners include the Flagler Museum, Palm Beach Daily News and Palm Beach Fire Rescue.

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