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## Town of Palm Beach United Way collects thousands of food items during 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Your Pantry Food Drive

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**PALM BEACH, FL** – The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Your Pantry Food Drive received thousands of food items to benefit food insecure children and adults in Palm Beach County. The drive, held April 2 through April 16, also collected \$5,315 in donations.

"The food we collected will provide meals to families who are struggling to make ends meet due to high inflation and other financial burdens," said Board Chairman Bill Tiefel. "Many of our nonprofit partners rely on food drive donations to help them fill funding gaps. We thank everyone who donated for helping us meet the needs of our less fortunate neighbors."

The food and cash donations were donated to two Town of Palm Beach United Way nonprofit partners: El Sol, Jupiter's Neighborhood Resource Center and Homeless Coalition Palm Beach County.

Staff from the agencies collected the food from Palm Beach's central fire station on Tuesday, April 18.

El Sol will use the food to provide breakfast and hot and cold meals to day laborers who visit the center to meet employers for a day of work.

Homeless Coalition will use the items to provide meals to homeless individuals and families residing at temporary housing centers.

The Food Drive was a partnership between the Town of Palm Beach United Way, **Field of Greens**, **Palm Beach Fire Rescue** and **Palm Beach Daily News**.

Palm Beach Fire Rescue stations and Field of Greens locations served as drop off locations for food items.

"We are grateful to the Palm Beach community for another successful Food Drive," said Fire Rescue Assistant Chief **Sean Baker**. "We appreciate their help to provide food to our neighbors in need."

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