



Town of Palm Beach United Way

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Palm Beach couple offers \$50,000 matching gift to Town of Palm Beach United Way Hunger Relief Fund

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Longtime donors **Gail and Alfred Engelberg** are offering a dollar-for-dollar matching gift up to \$50,000 to help with hunger relief efforts in Palm Beach County. The gift will aid the Town of Palm Beach United Way's Hunger Relief Fund to support local nonprofits struggling to meet increasing demands for food assistance due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"There is nothing more important to a family than being able to put food on the table," said Gail Engelberg, a board member of the Town of Palm Beach United Way. "We hope this matching gift will help the United Way continue to raise much-needed dollars for food assistance programs in our community."

With the help of dozens of Palm Beach donors, the Town of Palm Beach United Way has already met a generous \$100,000 matching gift from the Palm Beach Country Club, its foundation, and its members.

"We're grateful to our members and the community for stepping up to provide vital support to our neighbors in need," said **David Mack**, Chairman of the Palm Beach Country Club Foundation. "The generosity of this community is inspiring and confirms that doing the right thing for those that are less fortunate, particularly during this pandemic, is contagious."

Before the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, nearly 200,000 residents in Palm Beach County were considered food insecure, meaning they lack access to a sufficient quantity of affordable and nutritious food. More than 52,000 children went to bed hungry each night. Those numbers have increased now as COVID-19 and its impact on the economy continue to devastate thousands of local families. The pandemic has caused demand to increase by an average of 60 percent at food banks across the country, according to Feeding America.

"Unfortunately, hunger and food insecurity in Palm Beach County won't disappear with the New Year," said **Mary Freitas**, Board Chairman of the Town of Palm Beach United Way.

"We are so thankful for everyone who has donated and appreciate the continued community support as we work to provide hunger relief to individuals and families in need."

To donate to the fund visit www.palmbeachunitedway.org/hunger-relief. Or, make a check payable to Town of Palm Beach United Way with "Hunger Relief" in the memo and mail to 44 Coconut Row, Suite M201, Palm Beach, FL 33480.

Donations are tax deductible and 100% will go directly to local organizations distributing food to families in need. For more information call 561-655-1919.

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