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TOWN OF PALM BEACH UNITED WAY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE PROVIDES THOUSANDS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO STUDENTS AT THREE TITLE 1 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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PALM BEACH, Fla., – Hundreds of students will be able to start the school year with the tools they need to succeed thanks to generous donations to the 7^h Annual Town of Palm Beach United Way Boxed for Success School Supply Drive.

The drive, organized by the Town of Palm Beach United Way's Youth United Committee in collaboration with the *Palm Beach Daily News* and Palm Beach Fire-Rescue, ran from July 8, 2019 to August 5, 2019. Supplies are distributed to economically disadvantaged students at three Title 1 elementary schools in Palm Beach County: Berkshire, Forest Hill and Wynnebrook Elementary Schools.

"The donations we collect provide hope and opportunity, and can truly make a difference in the lives of children in need in our community," said United Way Board Chairman **Mary Freitas**.

This year, Boxed for Success collected more than 56,500 individual items, including 15,105 sheets of paper, 4,924 crayons, 2,988 pencils, 1,406 colored pencils, 854 erasers, 409 markers, 387 glue sticks, 157 notebooks, 98 scissors, 73 backpacks and so much more. The drive also received \$4,140 in cash donations. All supplies and cash donations are distributed evenly to the three schools.

"Every student should feel like they are starting new and fresh at the beginning of a school year," said Youth United Co-Chairs **Mercedes Cassidy** and **Lily Guari**. "Getting new supplies will allow them to feel confident and successful starting off the new school year.

The supply drive also featured a box decorating contest. Youth United Committee members voted on winners in four categories:

- Best Overall (\$100 Amazon Gift Card) **Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews**
- Most Creative (\$25 Amazon Gift Card) **Mickie Agnello**
- Most Colorful (\$25 Amazon Gift Card) **Mickie Agnello**
- Best Theme (\$25 Amazon Gift Card) **Lalya and Dylan Greenway**

Employees at Morgan Stanley West Palm Beach received United Way gift bags as a reward for the company with the most employee participation in the drive.

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