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## Palm Beach community helps provide school supplies to children in need through 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Town of Palm Beach United Way School Supply Drive

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**PALM BEACH, Fla.** – The Town of Palm Beach United Way collected 19,698 individual items and \$22,500 during the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual School Supply Drive to support students in need in Palm Beach County.

The drive ran July 19-30 and collected hundreds of crayons, markers, pencils, pens, erasers, notebooks and other items, as well as cash donations from more than 60 individuals, families and businesses. Supplies will benefit children and young adults who receive services at Town of Palm Beach United Way nonprofit partner agencies Achievement Centers for Children and Families, American Association of Caregiving Youth and Take Stock in Children.

“Hundreds of young learners will be able to start the school year ready to succeed thanks to the amazing generosity of the Palm Beach community,” said Board Chairman Mary Freitas. “The school supplies and funds we collect make an incredible difference in the lives of families who are struggling financially. We are grateful to have the opportunity to provide some relief.”

Achievement Centers will distribute supplies to students enrolled in its afterschool programs.

“This past year has presented unique challenges and we are excited to start our students off well-equipped for a new school year,” said CEO Stephanie Seibel. “We thank the Town of Palm Beach United Way and its donors for their generous support.”

Take Stock in Children is handing out supplies at its Back to School Workshop the week of August 2-6.

“For our students whose families lack the resources to purchase necessary school supplies, every donation helps,” said Executive Director Nancy Stellway. “We appreciate the Palm Beach community’s investment in the future of our students.”

Achievement Centers, Take Stock in Children and American Association of Caregiving Youth each received a check for \$3,500. The agencies can use the money to help purchase additional supplies and/or gift cards for families.

“Thank you for the supplies and the additional funds – it really means a lot,” said Activities Manager Gaby Alvarez. “Our students and their families already endure enough stress. Not having to worry about school supplies will allow our youth caregivers to start the school year prepared and ready to succeed.”

The remaining \$12,000 in funds was used to award \$1,000 grants to the following United Way nonprofit partners: Adopt-A-Family, Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, Center for Child Counseling, Families First, Farmworker Coordinating Council, Literacy Coalition, Milagro Center, Opportunity Early Childhood Center, Urban Youth Impact, YMCA of the Palm Beaches, YMCA of South Palm Beach County and YWCA of Palm Beach County.

The School Supply Drive was conducted in collaboration with the Palm Beach Daily News and Palm Beach Fire Rescue.

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