THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH UNITED WAY’S ANNUAL TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY DINNER CELEBRATES MAJOR DONORS AND HONORS MEMBERS, NORMA AND BILL TIEFEL

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PALM BEACH, Fla., March 18, 2019 – The Town of Palm Beach United Way hosted the 30th Annual Alexis de Tocqueville Society Award Dinner Monday night at Club Colette in recognition of its leading contributors. Longtime donors Norma and Bill Tiefel were honored with the “Distinguished Citizen Award.” The award is the highest accolade the Town of Palm Beach United Way bestows and recognizes unparalleled leadership in philanthropy. (Bio attached)

“Bill and Norma Tiefel are true community advocates,” said Board Chairman Jay Boodheshwar. “They have served the Town of Palm Beach United Way in numerous capacities and are also passionate supporters of the arts. Their generosity has improved the lives of countless individuals in Palm Beach County and created lasting change in our community, and for that we are forever grateful.”

Since 1990, the Distinguished Citizen Award has been given each year to an individual or individuals who embody the spirit of philanthropy. Their generosity and volunteer service demonstrates leadership and inspires others to serve the public good. Past honorees include Jana and John Scarp, Michele Kessler, Thomas Quick, Danielle Moore, Bud Tamarkin, Lesly Smith, Daniel Ponton, Paul Leone and Sidney Kohl. (Full list attached)

Debra Vasilopoulos, chairman of this year’s Alexis de Tocqueville Society, thanked members for their dedication and support. To date, the society has raised $3,118,656. In its 30-year history, the Alexis de Tocqueville Society has raised more than $71 million to help individuals and families in need throughout Palm Beach County.

“The Tocqueville Society is made up of talented, compassionate and generous individuals—true philanthropists who embody the spirit of the Town of Palm Beach United Way,” Vasilopoulos said. “They are the heart of our organization and without them our mission to improve lives and build a stronger community would not be possible. We applaud and celebrate these community champions who have created measurable change in Palm Beach County and whose generosity will last generations to come.”

The dinner was graciously underwritten by IberiaBank.

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About the Town of Palm Beach United Way’s Alexis de Tocqueville Society
The Town of Palm Beach United Way’s Alexis de Tocqueville Society members are visionary community champions who are committed to annually contributing $10,000 or more to the Town of Palm Beach United Way’s campaign.
CLASS OF 2019
Missy Agnello
Ann-Britt Angle
Nicole Atkinson
Cynthia Boardman
Jorge Cabrera
Gail Coniglio
Tasha Dickinson
David Duffy
Sheila Fine
Mary Gilbane
Benjamin Gordon
Vanessa Henry
Michele Kessler
Ellen Liman
Cara Coniglio McClure
Patricia Mintmire
Trip Moore
John Scarpa
Alison Sieving
Louise Snyder
Jessica Surovec
James Thompson
Wally Turner
Debra Vasilepoulos
Richard Wackenhut
Dan Wilkinson
Allen Wyett

CLASS OF 2020
Kathy Bleznak
Jay Boodheshwar
Sean Bresnan
Paula Butler
Mark Cook
Christine Curtis
Marvin Davidson
Christina Dennis
Lynn Foster
Mary Freitas
Juliana Gendelman
Sarah Gewirz
J. Ira Harris
Darlene Jordan
Sir Geoffrey Leigh
Matthew Lorentzen
Kristina McPherson
Danielle Hickox Moore
Esther Murray
Gary Pohrer
Tom Quick
Cater Randolph
Joyce Reingold
Jennifer Saville
Ed Schmidt
Christine Stiller
Dominick Telesco
Rebecca Williams
Robert Wright

CLASS OF 2021
Jack Borland
James Borynack
Nancy Brinker
Michael Donnell
George Garfunkel
Bruce Gendelman
Roni Goldsmith
Lee Gordon
Louis Guyott
Stephen Hall, Jr.
Ann Heathwood
Vicky Hunt
Jason Kalisman
Robin Martin
Harriet Miller
Heidi Niblack
Daniel Ponton
Lyn Ross
Richard Rothschild
Linda Saville
Laurie Silvers
Lisa Wilkinson
Susan Wright

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS
Michael J. Bracci
Diana Ecclestone
Peter Halmos
Edward L. Hannessy, Jr.
Sidney Kohl
Paul Leone
Margaret Luntz
Joyce McLendon
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