



THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH UNITED WAY KICKS OFF GRANT REVIEW PROCESS WITH ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEET AND GREET

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PALM BEACH, Florida – More than 100 volunteers kicked off the Town of Palm Beach United Way’s grant review process Monday, January 22, with a meet and greet cocktail party at Renato’s Palm Beach.

Each year, the Town of Palm Beach United Way allocates millions of dollars to dozens of vital health and human service programs in Palm Beach County. Allocation Committee volunteers serve as the eyes and ears of more than 2,500 donors by vetting these programs to make sure they operate effectively and efficiently, achieve measurable results and meet the needs of the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community.

Since the volunteer-driven review process began in 1945, more than \$69 million has been invested in programs that put kids on the path to success, ensure people are healthy and safe, and address food, housing and income needs to improve the quality of life for struggling residents in Palm Beach County.

“The allocations process is one of the most important responsibilities of the Town of Palm Beach United Way and to being good stewards of donor dollars,” said Board Chairman **Jay Boodheshwar**. “Our generous contributors know that we take the allocation process very seriously and can count on our committee to ensure their dollars are invested wisely into our partner agencies making a real difference in Palm Beach County.”

This year, 95 volunteers on 14 teams (list attached) will participate in the allocation process. They’ll evaluate grant requests from 46 local non-profits for help funding education, health and income-based programs in Palm Beach County. During the next three months, volunteers will analyze key financial documents, visit the agencies, meet with staff and board members, and ultimately make funding recommendations to the Town of Palm Beach United Way Board of Trustees.

“It is a laborious process but one that is engaging and fulfilling,” said **Jorge Cabrera**, co-chairman of the Allocation Committee with **Tish Carlo** and **Betsy Turner**. “You learn more about our community, what needs are and are not being met, and see firsthand how donations directly impact our community.”

The Allocation Committee volunteers are a diverse group of community representatives with a broad range of expertise and skill. Their knowledge, passion and dedication to this process is invaluable to the Town of Palm Beach United Way and the community we serve.

For more information about the Town of Palm Beach United Way please call 561.655.1919 or visit www.palmbeachunitedway.org.

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