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Palm Beach Toy Drive collects hundreds of gifts to brighten the holidays for children in need

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PALM BEACH, FL – The holiday season is a very special time and the Town of Palm Beach United Way is proud to have once again partnered with the Palm Beach Daily News and Palm Beach Fire-Rescue to collect toys for local families struggling to make ends meet.

The drive, now in its 25th year, collected more than 800 toys and \$8,325 in cash donations, along with several gift cards. The toys were divided this week between three local non-profit agencies: American Association of Caregiving Youth, Center for Child Counseling and YWCA of Palm Beach County.

The agencies will distribute the toys at holiday parties and gift-giving events planned in the coming weeks.

"The Palm Beach community once again displayed the true spirit of giving through hundreds of generous donations to our annual Toy Drive," said **Jay Boodheshwar**, Board Chairman. "Children at our partner agencies have had difficult childhoods — some serving as caregivers for their sick parents, grandparents or siblings, some as witnesses to domestic violence and some having experienced traumatic events such as sexual and physical abuse. We hope the toys collected from our caring community will bring big smiles and lots of joy for hundreds of Palm Beach County youth."

The Town of Palm Beach United Way gives special thanks to **IberiaBank**, the **Worth Avenue Association** and the **Town of Palm Beach** for making significant toy contributions through employee and member toy drives.

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About the Town of Palm Beach United Way

Since 1945, the Town of Palm Beach United Way has invested more than \$103 million into Palm Beach County because of generous donors who live or work on the island of Palm Beach. We advance the common good, creating opportunities for a better life for all by focusing on the three building blocks of education, health and financial stability. The Town of Palm Beach United Way recruits people and organizations that bring the passion, expertise and resources needed to get things done. LIVE UNITED® is a call to action for everyone to become part of the change. For more information, call us at 561.655.1919 or visit www.palmbeachunitedway.org.

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