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11TH ANNUAL
Turkey Trot

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Town of Palm Beach United Way Turkey Trot provides Thanksgiving meals for 6,200 Palm Beach County residents

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PALM BEACH, FL – This year the Town of Palm Beach United Way Turkey Trot is setting a record by providing 6,200 Thanksgiving meals to Palm Beach County residents.

The race, now in its 11th year, sold out sooner than ever before with 1,400 people registered by the end of October. Race registrations allow the United Way to fund Thanksgiving celebrations and take-home meal programs at 23 non-profit partner agencies for children and adults who would otherwise have no holiday meal.

“It’s amazing to see the popularity of this race grow each and every year,” said **Cara and Jared McClure**, co-chairmen of the United Way’s Islanders Committee. “We love that the Turkey Trot has become a holiday tradition for so many families, with young ones waking up early excited to spend the morning at the Turkey Trot. We cannot think of a better or more meaningful way to begin this special holiday.”

The 11th Annual Turkey Trot begins and ends in Bradley Park. The race starts at 7:30 AM. This year’s event features a Kids Drumstick Dash that begins at 7:00 AM. The event also features a costume contest, raffle drawing, children’s activities, music, photography and more. All participants receive a medal and top male and female finishers receive trophies.

Edwin Laboy and his family are running the race in memory of their lost loved one, Jose Laboy. Jose Laboy lost his life April 22 after he was struck by a vehicle during an early morning jog. He was a competitive runner who especially loved participating in Turkey Trot races on Thanksgiving morning. The Laboy Family graciously donated to this year’s race and will be running in his honor.

“We’re still reeling from the loss of Jose or “Papo” as we called him,” Edwin Laboy said. “We wanted to come together as a family to honor him by participating in an activity that defined his life. It’s all about healing for us as well as helping others. What we want is for people to be mindful and watch for runners, especially in the early morning hours or evening.”

The Turkey Trot would not be possible without the support of 74 sponsors and in kind donors. This year’s race is again graciously underwritten by title sponsors **Douglas Elliman Real Estate: Cara Coniglio McClure + Lisa Wilkinson, Findlay Galleries and Livingston Builders. Bruce Gendelman**

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Race proceeds allow the Town of Palm Beach United Way to send checks to the following 23 health and human service agencies that provide Thanksgiving meals to clients in need: **Adopt-A-Family, Achievement Centers for Children and Families, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Alpert Jewish Family Service, Alzheimer's Community Care, Boys & Girls Clubs, Catholic Charities, Center for Child Counseling, Community Partners, Families First, Farmworker Coordinating Council, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, HomeSafe, Mental Health America, Opportunity, Inc., Palm Beach Habilitation Center, Take Stock in Children, The Arc of Palm Beach County, The Arc of The Glades, The Glades Initiative, The Lord's Place, Urban Youth Impact, YMCA of The Palm Beaches.**

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