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Sold-out Town of Palm Beach United Way Turkey Trot providing meals to 4,167 Palm Beach County residents

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PALM BEACH, FL – After going virtual for a year due to COVID-19, the popular Town of Palm Beach United Way Turkey Trot is returning to Palm Beach this Thanksgiving to bring holiday spirit to Palm Beach County residents while providing meals to individuals and families in need.

The annual Turkey Trot, now in its 13th year, is sold out with 1,400 participants registered for the 5K race and 100 children signed up for the Drumstick Dash. Race registrations are providing Thanksgiving meals for 4,167 children and adults at 32 nonprofit agencies throughout Palm Beach County.

“We are thrilled to be back in-person this year and excited to re-connect with friends and family for this Thanksgiving Day tradition,” said **Cara Coniglio McClure**, co-chair of the race with her husband Jared McClure. “The Turkey Trot is such a special event. It’s a wonderful time for participants, but it also provides meals to thousands of children and adults in our community that otherwise wouldn’t have the traditional Thanksgiving food items to put around the table.”

The Turkey Trot begins and ends at Bradley Park. The kids Drumstick Dash starts at 7:00am followed by the 5K at 7:30am. The event features a DJ, costume contest, raffle drawings and awards ceremony. All participants receive a medal and the top male and female finishers in certain age categories receive trophies.

The Turkey Trot would not be possible without the support of 57 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 Insurance** was again a platinum sponsor. Gold sponsors are **Beebe Armstrong, Christian Angle Real Estate, Compass | Steve Hall, Schumacher Automotive and Surovek Gallery.**

Race proceeds allowed the Town of Palm Beach United Way to grant funds to the following 32 health and human service agencies that provide Thanksgiving meals to clients in need: Achievement Centers for Children and Families, Adopt-A-Family, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Alpert Jewish Family Service, Alzheimer’s Community Care, American Association of Caregiving Youth, The Arc of the Glades, Boca Helping Hands, Boys & Girls Clubs, Catholic Charities, Children’s Home Society, Drug Abuse Foundation, El Sol Resource Center, Families First, Farmworker Coordinating Council, Freedom2Society, Genesis, Habitat for Humanity, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, Homeless Coalition, HomeSafe, Legal Aid Society, Milagro Center, Opportunity, Inc., Palm Beach County Food Bank, Palm Beach Habilitation Center, Take Stock in Children, The Glades Initiative, The Lord’s Place, Urban League, Urban Youth Impact and YMCA of the Palm Beaches.

Milagro Center is using race proceeds to purchase holiday meals for 150 students enrolled in the agency’s afterschool programs. Meals are served at the agency’s three centers in Delray

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Beach and consist of turkey/chicken, sweet potatoes, corn bread, mixed vegetables, apple pie and a beverage.

“It is our tradition to have a holiday feast at all three of our Centers on the day before Thanksgiving,” said Glenn Mueller, Director of Grants Administration at Milagro Center. “We go around the table and each of our students shares what they are most thankful about. The economically-challenged, academically at-risk children and teens that we serve look forward to the Thanksgiving feast at Milagro Center more than the actual holiday. We are extremely grateful to Town of Palm Beach United Way for making this all possible.”

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