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

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PALM BEACH, Fla. – Volunteers kicked off the Town of Palm Beach United Way’s grant review process Wednesday, January 15, with a meet and greet luncheon at the Royal Poinciana Chapel.

Each year, the Town of Palm Beach United Way entrusts Allocation Committee volunteers to review applications for grant funding and decide how best to allocate yearly contributions from more than 4,000 donors. This is the 75th year of the grant allocation process. When the Town of Palm Beach United Way was incorporated in 1945, 13 member agencies received a combined \$23,617. Last year the committee distributed more than \$3.2 million to 43 non-profit agencies in Palm Beach County that in turn served nearly 320,000 residents.

“Town of Palm Beach United Way Allocation Committee volunteers are the backbone of our United Way,” said Board Chairwoman **Mary Freitas**. “They are responsible for reviewing funding requests and ensuring the Town of Palm Beach United Way is a good steward of our generous donors’ dollars. It is a vitally important process that guarantees we are investing contributions efficiently and effectively into programs that create measurable, lasting outcomes in Palm Beach County.”

This year, 103 volunteers on 14 teams (list attached) will participate in the allocation process. They will evaluate grant requests from 41 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’s a challenging yet eye-opening and rewarding experience that is unique to our United Way,” said Allocation General Chairwomen **Christina Dennis**, **Louise Snyder** and **Christine Stiller**. “These incredible volunteers are part of a process that changes lives and makes our community a better place. It is truly something special. Their knowledge, passion and dedication to his process is invaluable to the Town of Palm Beach United Way and the community we serve.”

Since the Allocation Committee review process began in 1945, more than \$69 million has been invested in programs that build strong educational foundations for children, support family financial stability, create healthy communities and improve the quality of life for struggling residents in Palm Beach County.

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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