



TOWN OF PALM BEACH UNITED WAY ALLOCATION COMMITTEE CELEBRATES END OF GRANT REVIEW PROCESS

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PALM BEACH, Florida – Volunteers celebrated the end of the Town of Palm Beach United Way’s grant review process Thursday, April 18, with a cocktail reception at the Sailfish Club.

Each year, the Town of Palm Beach United Way recruits residents, professionals and community leaders who live or work in Palm Beach to evaluate funding requests from dozens of local nonprofit agencies. These volunteers spend hours reviewing applications, analyzing financial information, visiting area nonprofits and speaking with agency staff. At the end of the three-month process, they decide which programs to fund.

Allocation Committee volunteers are part of a community-driven, transparent process that ensures the Town of Palm Beach United Way is being a good steward of the donations received by more than 3,500 generous donors.

“Each year we ask volunteers from our community to donate their time and expertise to the grant review and allocation process,” said Board Chairman **Jay Boodheshwar**. “We demand a lot from them. We set high standards. We challenge them. It’s a great responsibility. And each year, our volunteers come through. Each year they amaze us with their passion and their dedication. Thanks to these remarkable volunteers, our community is stronger, and thousands of residents are living healthier, safer, and more fulfilling lives.”

Since the allocation process began in 1945, more than \$73 million has been invested in programs that put kids on the path to graduation, ensure vulnerable residents live healthy and safe lives, and help individuals and families break the cycle of poverty.

This year, 103 volunteers on 14 teams (list attached) participated in the allocation process. They evaluated 85 programs at 45 nonprofit agencies. Their recommended \$3,285,600 in funding will help more than 319,000 residents in Palm Beach County.

“Education and afterschool enrichment, health and senior care, job training and financial assistance – these volunteers have evaluated programs that touch all sectors of our community,” said **Christina Dennis**, **Louise Snyder** and **Christine Stiller**, general chairmen of the Allocation Committee. “They’ve visited food banks, schools, health clinics and emergency housing facilities. They’ve traveled from Boca Raton to Jupiter to Belle Glade. They’ve seen the needs in our community and they’ve made sure to invest United Way dollars into programs and agencies that are meeting those needs.”

The cocktail reception was underwritten by an anonymous donor.

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

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