

TOWN OF PALM BEACH UNITED WAY HONORED AT WILMINGTON TRUST RECEPTION FOR NEWLY RENOVATED PALM BEACH OFFICE

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PALM BEACH, Fla. – Wilmington Trust, along with its parent company M&T Bank, hosted a reception Wednesday, January 15, to celebrate the firm's newly renovated Palm Beach office at 240 Royal Palm Way. At the event, Wilmington Trust presented a charitable donation of \$5,000 to the Town of Palm Beach United Way.

Wilmington Trust opened a Palm Beach office in 2003 and has been at its current location since 2010 providing comprehensive wealth planning and investment management services to individuals and families.

Wilmington Trust has been supporting the nonprofit sector in Palm Beach County since the mid-1980s. **Diane McNeal**, Private Banking Regional Managing Director, has been a volunteer on the Town of Palm Beach United Way's Grant Allocation Committee since 2009. For the past four years she has served as a team chairman. McNeal was a Board Member and President of Opportunity Inc., a United Way partner agency offering early childhood education to children of working families, from 1989 to 2005.

"I've seen firsthand the vital health and human service funding needs in our community and the incredible impact United Way dollars have on meeting those needs," McNeal said. "Through my experiences with both United Way and Wilmington Trust I've had the unique opportunity to see philanthropy in action and the important roles the private sector and the business sector play in the success of our community."

Wilmington Trust, through M&T Charitable Foundation, strives to strengthen communities by providing support for a diverse range of civic, cultural, health and human service organizations through grants, employee volunteerism and in-kind services.

"We work in partnership with nonprofit organizations that focus on improving the quality of life for our customers, employees and neighbors," said **Anne Messer**, Vice President and Regional Marketing Manager. "Our decisions are made locally, by the people who know their communities best. We selected the Town of Palm Beach United Way as our community partner for our special re-opening because of their long history of effectively distributing charitable funds raised in Palm Beach to those in need."

The Town of Palm Beach United Way celebrates its 75th Anniversary this year.

"We're so grateful to be able to work with like-minded, community-focused businesses like Wilmington Trust," said Town of Palm Beach United Way Board Chairman **Mary Freitas**. "Diane's contribution to our grant allocation process has been invaluable, as has the service of all of our business professionals. Bringing together diverse individuals from varied backgrounds and professions is what makes our allocation process truly unique, and ensures we're investing donor dollars where it matters most."

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