



Town of Palm Beach United Way

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Town of Palm Beach United Way supporters celebrate successful campaign, thank volunteers at 78th Annual Meeting at The Breakers

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Town of Palm Beach United Way board members, volunteers, and community supporters celebrated a successful campaign year at the 78th Annual Meeting held Tuesday, May 2, at The Breakers Palm Beach. Trustees approved grant funding and elected new members for the upcoming year. **Eddie Rhodes**, a volunteer mentor with United Way partner Take Stock in Children, received this year's Nettie Finkle Award for outstanding volunteerism and community service.

"I want to extend my deepest appreciation to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and commitment to the Town of Palm Beach United Way over the past year," Board Chair **Bill Tiefel** said in front of a crowd of more than 150 supporters. "Your donations and your volunteer involvement have allowed the United Way to invest in life-changing programs at numerous nonprofit agencies throughout Palm Beach County that make a difference in the lives of thousands of our less fortunate neighbors."

General Campaign Chair **Richard Rothschild** announced the Town of Palm Beach United Way has raised \$6,958,858 to date on a goal of \$5.5 million. The campaign ends June 30, 2023. Campaign Chairs **Jay Clifford** and **Stacie Hallinan** (Business and Professional), **Lisa Wilkinson** (Red Feather), and **Susan and Bob Wright** (Alexis de Tocqueville) reported on the outcomes of their respective campaigns.

"The success of the campaign is only possible thanks to the remarkable fundraising efforts of our campaign chairmen and their committee members," Rothschild said. "Over 100 volunteers serve on our campaign committees. It is an incredible team effort."

Islanders Co-Chair **Cara Coniglio McClure**, who has organized the annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot race for the past 14 years with her husband Jared, announced she is passing the torch to her younger sisters. **Gabrielle and Scott Fricker** and **Francesca and William Finck** will chair the committee for the 15th annual race.

Board Member and Palm Beach Fire Rescue Assistant Chief **Sean Baker** reported on the United Way's yearly school supply, toy and food drives, which collectively raised \$58,840 in addition to distributing thousands of supplies, gifts and food items. Board Vice Chair **Christine Curtis** reported on the Hurricane Ian Recovery Fund, which has raised over \$1 million to support emergency relief and rebuilding efforts along Florida's west coast.

Board Member **Carla Cove** presented the Allocation Committee recommendations for 2023-2024 grant funding. Cove served as co-chair of the Allocation Committee with **Suzanne Brenner** and **Cornie Thornburgh**. The board voted to accept the committee's recommendation to allocate \$3,934,668 to fund 72 programs at 40 nonprofit agencies. Funding begins July 1, 2023.

"This year a group of 110 community representatives served as the eyes and ears of over 4,500 donors to ensure campaign funds are distributed to qualified health and human service agencies in Palm Beach County," Cove said. "Together this group dedicated over 3,000 volunteer hours and traveled thousands of miles across Palm Beach County. It's an amazing and essential process to ensure funds are used efficiently and effectively."

ONE COMMUNITY. ONE GOAL.

Mayor Danielle Moore announced Eddie Rhodes as the recipient of the 2023 Nettie Finkle Award. Rhodes has been a volunteer mentor with Take Stock in children for 12 years, but has served the communities of Belle Glade and Pahokee for decades. He has mentored over a dozen young men, and works with their families, teachers, guidance counselors, coaches and other influencers to help his mentees overcome their circumstances and succeed to graduation and beyond.

Board Member Mary Freitas presented the Nominating Committee Report. Trustees voted to accept 13 new members to the Board: **Skip Aldridge, Arthur Indursky, Stephen Fiverson, David Frisbie, Kim Goodwin, Kristen Lambert, Nancy Lane, Paul Kozloff, Diane McNeal, Evelyn McNiff, Ross Meltzer, Katherine Parr, and Barbara Rothschild**. All will serve a 3-year term as members of the Class of 2026, bringing the roster to 78 members.

The Annual Meeting was graciously underwritten by CIBC Private Wealth for the second consecutive year. Managing Director **Gina Sabean** spoke at the meeting on behalf of the company.

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CLASS OF 2023

Suzanne Ainslie
Jay Boodheshwar
Paula Butler
Mark Cook
Carla Cove
Christine Curtis
Christina Dennis
Sheila Fine
Mary Freitas
Juliana Gendelman
Darlene Jordan
Beth Lang
Matthew Lorentzen
Danielle Moore
Tom Quick
Cater Randolph
Joyce Reingold
Christine Stiller
Jessica Surovek
Dom Telesco
Simone Vickar
Rebecca Williams
Bob Wright

CLASS OF 2024

James Borynack
Nancy Brinker
Kristen Kelly Fisher
George Garfunkel
Felicia Taylor Gottsegen
Stephen Hall, Jr.
Vicky Hunt
Ellen Jaffe
Jason Kalisman
Josephine Kalisman
Roberta Kozloff
Jeff Marcus
Heidi Niblack
Daniel Ponton
Richard Rothschild
John Scarpa
Laurie Silvers
Robbi Toll
Susan Wright
Mark Zeidman

CLASS OF 2025

Missy Agnello
Sean Baker
Howard Bernick
Sandra Bornstein
Jorge Cabrera
Atesh Chandra
Wendy Cox
Ginny Edlavitch
Gail Engelberg
Lee Gordon
Ann Heathwood
Brian Hurley
Paulette Koch
Bill Mack
David Mack
Cara Coniglio McClure
Pamela McIver
Bill Meyer
Trip Moore
Hess Musallet
Rita Nowak
Michael Pucillo
Farley Rentschler
Stephanie Ribakoff
Laing Rogers
Lyn Ross
Bill Tiefel
Betsy Turner
Debra Vasilopoulos
Kathryn Vecellio
Beth Wilf
Lisa Wilkinson

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Michael Bracci
Gail Coniglio
Patricia Cook
Diana Ecclestone
Michele Kessler
Sidney Kohl
Paul Leone
Margaret Luntz
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