

Palm Beach business community comes together to create opportunities for local children and families

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Palm Beach, Fla. — The Town of Palm Beach United Way welcomed 200 business leaders, philanthropists, and community partners to its 35th Annual Business & Professional Breakfast on Monday, October 19, at The Breakers Palm Beach. The annual event unites the Palm Beach business community in celebrating the impact of collective giving and renewing its commitment to local nonprofit organizations addressing the community's most pressing needs.

Organized by the Town of Palm Beach United Way's Business and Professional Committee, the breakfast reflects the committee's broader efforts to engage local businesses and professionals in the United Way's annual fundraising campaign. Its 28 business and community leaders contribute their time, connections, and resources to advance the organization's mission.

"Our local businesses have an important role to play in shaping the future of our community," said **Carrie Bradburn**, owner of Capehart Photography, trustee of the Town of Palm Beach United Way, and chair of the Business and Professional Committee. "When business leaders bring their passion, resources, and connections to the table, they can make a meaningful impact beyond their own organizations. I'm proud to lead a committee that puts that spirit of generosity into action, bringing people together to support the nonprofit organizations making a difference every day."

Centered on the theme "One Community. One Goal.," the breakfast featured keynote speakers Stephanie Seibel, chief executive officer of Achievement Centers for Children & Families, and Samantha Lane, a parent liaison and board member with the organization. Together, they highlighted the importance of investing in children and families and the life-changing opportunities that meaningful support can provide.

A United Way partner agency since 2013, Achievement Centers for Children & Families is based in Delray Beach and provides early learning, after-school enrichment, summer programs, and family support services that help children build confidence and reach their potential.

"Strong communities invest in the next generation," Seibel said. "When children have access to quality learning experiences and families receive the support they need, we help lay the foundation for stronger futures. We are grateful to the Town of Palm Beach United Way and its donors for helping make these opportunities possible for the children and families we serve."

The Town of Palm Beach United Way invests donor contributions in programs focused on education, health, financial stability, and basic needs. Currently, 38 nonprofit agencies receive funding to deliver 73 programs serving individuals and families throughout Palm Beach County, from Jupiter to Belle Glade to Boca Raton.

“No single person, business, or organization can meet every challenge our community faces,” said **Kimberly Goodwin**, campaign chair for the Town of Palm Beach United Way. “But when we bring our resources, compassion, and commitment together, we can reach more people and create lasting change. That is the power of United Way: bringing donors, volunteers, and nonprofit partners together to address critical needs and make a greater collective impact across Palm Beach County.”

The Business and Professional Committee also assembled centerpieces featuring school supplies, hygiene products, fitness equipment, laundry supplies, and microwaves for Achievement Centers for Children & Families. The items will help meet some of the everyday needs of the children and families it serves.

The Breakers Palm Beach has generously underwritten the Business & Professional Breakfast for 35 consecutive years, sustaining a longstanding tradition of community partnership.

Since 1945, the Town of Palm Beach United Way has raised more than \$161 million to support local nonprofit organizations and the people they serve.

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