



Town of Palm Beach United Way

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Town of Palm Beach United Way annual Empty Your Pantry Food Drive begins April 1

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PALM BEACH, FL – The arrival of spring in Palm Beach also signals the start to the Town of Palm Beach United Way’s annual food drive. The 11th Annual Empty Your Pantry Food Drive runs Monday, April 1 through Monday, April 15.

Non-perishable food items and monetary donations will be collected to benefit low-income individuals and families struggling to make ends meet. This year the United Way is also encouraging donations of kosher food items. Donors can drop off items at the town’s central and south end fire stations, Field of Greens or the United Way office inside the Palm Beach Towers.

“The food drive helps our nonprofit partners fill their pantries for clients in need, and during a crucial time as many agencies work to meet food shortages during the summer months,” said Board Chairman Bill Tiefel. “Every item donated makes a difference.”

Each year the Town of Palm Beach United Way chooses two of its nonprofit partner agencies to benefit from the drive. The agencies rotate each year. This year, food collected during the drive will be donated to Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service and Farmworker Coordinating Council.

Alpert Jewish Family Service provides kosher food to vulnerable Jewish individuals, families, seniors and Holocaust survivors facing food insecurity in Palm Beach County. The agency currently has two kosher food pantries in West Palm Beach and Boynton Beach.

“Over the last two years, we have seen a 1000% increase in the number of requests for assistance with food insecurity, particularly among younger families,” said Cara Gottlieb, Director of Food Pantry Operations at Alpert Jewish Family Service. “In many cases, our food security initiatives serve as the entry point that seamlessly connects people to all our supportive programs, from counseling to care management.”

Farmworker Coordinating Council distributes food and food vouchers to meet the needs of local farmworkers and their families. The agency distributes food from offices in Lake Worth and Belle Glade.

“Due to the current inflation, many families are struggling to meet their basic needs,” said Denise Negron, Executive Director of Farmworkers Coordinating Council. “The food donated will help these families avoid suffering from hunger, and will also alleviate financial strain by reducing their monthly expenses, allowing them to allocate their limited resources to other critical needs such as housing, education and healthcare.”

In addition to food donations, the Town of Palm Beach United Way will gladly accept monetary contributions. Residents can donate online at www.palmbeachunitedway.org/food-drive or send a check. Checks should be payable to Town of Palm Beach United Way with “Food Drive” in the memo and mailed to the United Way office at 44 Coconut Row, Suite M201, Palm Beach, FL 33480.

Food Drive partners include Field of Greens, Palm Beach Daily News and Palm Beach Fire Rescue.

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