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Town of Palm Beach United Way collects hundreds of food donations during 13th Annual Empty Your Pantry Food Drive

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PALM BEACH, FL – The generosity of the Palm Beach community was on display this spring as dozens of donors emptied their cupboards for the 13th Annual Empty Your Pantry Food Drive.

The Town of Palm Beach United Way received hundreds of grocery items and \$9,000 to benefit children and families in Palm Beach County who struggle to put food on the table. The drive ran from March 29 to April 19 in partnership with **Field of Greens, Palm Beach Fire Rescue, and Palm Beach Daily News.**

“This year’s Empty Your Pantry Food Drive was a powerful reminder that compassion is abundant in Palm Beach,” said **Roberta and Paul Kozloff**, General Campaign Chairs. “To every neighbor who opened their pantry—giving not just food, but hope—we say thank you. Your generosity will nourish children, strengthen families, and sustain day laborers and pets alike during a time when summer’s heat brings heightened hardship. You’ve shown that no one in our community has to face hunger alone. This is what unity looks like—and we are deeply grateful.”

Food donations were distributed to Town of Palm Beach United Way nonprofit partners **Adopt-A-Family** and **El Sol**. Cash donations were distributed to Adopt-A-Family, Boca Helping Hands, CROS Ministries, El Sol, Farmworker Coordinating Council, and The Glades Initiative. Pet food was also collected during the drive to benefit **Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League.**

El Sol offers a continental breakfast, hot meal, and to-go lunches every day to men and women waiting for work through the agency’s day labor program. For many workers, the hot meal is their main meal of the day. Donations are also used to provide snacks during adult evening classes and afternoon youth programs. Providing food helps alleviate and prevent health issues, and also frees up cash to be used for rent, utilities, and other needs.

“All of us at El Sol are extremely grateful for the support Palm Beach donors have given to this food drive,” said Suzanne Whitbeck, Executive Director of El Sol. “You are having an impact on your neighbors who are struggling to provide basic needs to themselves and their families. This support provides not only the benefit of the food, but tells our clients that there are people out in the community who care. That is invaluable.”

Adopt-A-Family will use donations to stock the food pantry at its emergency shelter for families experiencing homelessness.

“These families have been living in places not meant for human habitation – cars, parks, and abandoned buildings,” said Matt Constantine, CEO of Adopt-A-Family. “Their daily struggles have included hunger and malnutrition, because they have neither the means to buy or store food nor a place to prepare it. Thank you for contributing to the effort to help them get back on their feet.”

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