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Town of Palm Beach United Way annual Empty Your Pantry Food Drive begins March 29

Pet food also accepted in addition to non-perishable food items

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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 13th Annual Empty Your Pantry Food Drive runs Sunday, March 29 through Sunday, April 19.

Non-perishable food items and monetary donations will be collected to benefit low-income individuals and families struggling to make ends meet. For the second consecutive year, the United Way is also accepting donations of pet food. Donors can drop off items at the town’s fire stations, any Field of Greens location, or the United Way office inside the Palm Beach Towers.

"It's a shocking reality that over 193,000 residents struggle with hunger in our community, and that more than half are children and seniors," said Board Chair Richard Rothschild. "The food drive is an excellent opportunity to help our nonprofit partner agencies stock their pantries, especially during the summer months. For animal lovers, we also accept dog and cat food to benefit Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League."

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 Adopt-A-Family and El Sol.

Adopt-A-Family will direct all food donations to its Program REACH, Palm Beach County’s primary emergency shelter for families with children. Program REACH houses 19 families at a time, with frequent turnover as clients find permanent housing solutions. The shelter includes an on-site food pantry that is visited frequently, especially in a family’s first few days at the shelter. Most families come to the shelter from living in cars, parks, or abandoned buildings, and are suffering from food insecurity because they have neither had the means to buy or store food, nor a place to prepare it.

"The donation of food is literally life-giving for families and children who have no place to call home," said Adopt-A-Family CEO Matt Constantine. "We furnish the apartment-style shelter units with cookware, dishes, and flatware. After stocking their shelves with donated food, parents are able to prepare hot, home-cooked meals for their children – in many cases, for the first time in weeks."

El Sol will use food donations to stock its pantry and kitchen that serve day laborers and their families, as well as other residents in need in Jupiter and the surrounding communities. The agency provides breakfast, lunch, and a hot meal for clients. El Sol also operates a food pantry in partnership with CROS Ministries.

Pet food or items collected during the drive will be donated to Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League. Peggy’s Pantry provides over 447,000 meals annually to pets of low-income families in Palm Beach County. They accept wet and dry food of any brand for both cats and dogs. They also accept treats.

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In addition to food donations, the Town of Palm Beach United Way will also 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 Cocoanut 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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