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# Town of Palm Beach United Way School Supply Drive collects thousands of supplies and over \$14,000 for low-income students

Jupiter student Finley Dailey wins 4th Annual Logo Contest

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**PALM BEACH, Fla.** – The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Town of Palm Beach United Way School Supply Drive collected \$14,042 and thousands of school supplies to benefit children in need during the 2025-2026 school year. The drive ran July 21 through August 4.

The School Supply Drive received pencils, pens, crayons, markers, notebooks, binders, folders, paper, scissors, glue, backpacks, and a variety of other items. United Way of Broward County donated 130 backpacks stuffed with supplies as part of an event they hosted at The Breakers for the Florida Surplus Lines Association Annual Convention.

"We thank all of the generous individuals, families, and businesses that donated to this year's School Supply Drive," said Roberta and Paul Kozloff, General Campaign Co-Chairs for the Town of Palm Beach United Way. "Our nonprofit partners will be able to ensure their clients have the resources they need to succeed in and out of the classroom this school year."

Donations to the drive were distributed to children and youth who receive services at Town of Palm Beach United Way partner agencies Achievement Centers for Children and Families, Milagro Center, and Take Stock in Children. All three agencies run after-school and out-of-school programs for low-income families.

"On behalf of the Achievement Centers for Children & Families, thank you for helping prepare our students for success this school year," said Kaitlin Salzman, Senior Director of Grants and Research at Achievement Centers. "Because of you, students across our programs walk into the classroom prepared and confident. With new backpacks, notebooks, and essential supplies in hand, they can focus on learning, connect with their peers, and engage fully in the classroom."

Added Lidia Vargas, Director of Development at Take Stock in Children: "We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of the Palm Beach community. Your donations are more than just notebooks and backpacks—they are an investment in the future of young leaders right here in our community. Thank you for helping us break the cycle of poverty through education, and for believing in the potential of every Take Stock student."

Cash donation will be distributed to 10 United Way partner agencies. Achievement Centers, Milagro Center, and Take Stock in Children will each receive grants of \$2,350. Adopt-A-Family, American Association of Caregiving Youth, Farmworker Coordinating Council, Literacy Coalition, The Lord's Place, Opportunity Early Childhood Center, and Urban League will each receive a \$1,000 grant to be used to purchase school supplies.

"The difference that a new backpack or notebook and pencils can make for an underserved child is truly remarkable, building excitement about the new school year and giving them the confidence to succeed," said Barbara Stark, President and CEO of Milagro Center. "We thank you immensely for your kindness for remembering and helping those children most in need."

# 4th Annual Logo Contest

For the fourth consecutive year, the School Supply Drive featured a logo contest. Students 18 and under were asked to submit a drawing depicting the Town of Palm Beach United Way's annual School Supply Drive, including a brief description of what they created and why.

The winning design was created by Finley Dailey, 13, of Jupiter. Her artwork featured an octopus holding school supplies.

"I wanted to symbolize all the beautiful beaches and sea life that Palm Beach County holds," she wrote in her submission. "I chose the octopus because it had enough arms to display all the school supplies I wanted to showcase."

Finley's design will serve as next year's logo, and she will also receive a \$200 Amazon Gift Card. In total, 57 students participated in the contest. All participants received a \$10 Amazon Gift Card.

The School Supply Drive is conducted in collaboration with Field of Greens, Palm Beach Daily News, and Palm Beach Fire Rescue.

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