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Town of Palm Beach United Way's 14th Annual School Supply Drive Collects \$28,037 and Thousands of Supplies for Local Students

Drive empowers children in low-income families to start school year prepared and confident

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PALM BEACH, Fla. – The 14th Annual Town of Palm Beach United Way School Supply Drive collected \$28,037 and thousands of school supplies to benefit children in need during the 2026-2027 school year. The drive ran July 13 through August 3.

The School Supply Drive received pencils, pens, crayons, markers, notebooks, binders, folders, paper, scissors, glue, backpacks, and a variety of other items.

"We are deeply grateful for the Palm Beach community's unwavering commitment to our children," said **Kimberly Goodwin**, General Campaign Chair. "The \$18,037 raised and thousands of supplies collected will ensure that children facing homelessness, poverty, and other challenges start the school year equipped, prepared, and ready to succeed."

School supply donations to the drive were distributed to children and youth who receive services at Town of Palm Beach United Way partner agencies Adopt-A-Family, Literacy Coalition, and Opportunity Early Childhood Education and Family Center. All three agencies run programs for low-income families and students.

Cash donations will be distributed to 13 United Way partner agencies. Adopt-A-Family, Literacy Coalition, and Opportunity will each receive grants of \$2,700. Achievement Centers, American Association of Caregiving Youth, Farmworker Coordinating Council, Fuller Center, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, The Lord's Place, Milagro Center, Take Stock in Children, Vita Nova, and YMCA of South Palm Beach County will each receive a \$2,000 grant to be used to purchase school supplies.

Adopt-A-Family

Adopt-A-Family serves 167 school-aged children ranging from VPK through high school who reside in supportive housing on the agency's campus in Lake Worth. Many have experienced instability, trauma, and homelessness. The organization provides wraparound services including afterschool programs, tutoring, enrichment activities, and mental health counseling to help children overcome barriers and thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

"Thank you for giving our kids the supplies and the confidence to start their next school year," said Matthew Constantine, CEO of Adopt-A-Family. "A huge thank you to the Town of Palm Beach United Way staff, volunteers, and donors for addressing so many needs in our community."

Literacy Coalition

Literacy Coalition serves preschool and elementary school students and their parents in Belle Glade, Pahokee, South Bay, and Delray Beach through its Glades Family Education Program and Village Readers Family Education Program. The organization's family-centered programs help both children and parents build literacy, language, and educational skills.

"Thank you for your generosity and commitment to local families," said Kristin Calder, CEO of Literacy Coalition. "Your support provides much more than school supplies. It gives children the tools they need to learn, grow, and achieve their dreams. We are grateful for donors who invest in our community and help create brighter futures for the families we serve."

Opportunity Early Childhood Education and Family Center

Opportunity Early Childhood Education and Family Center currently supports 155 children ages 6 weeks to 5 years from low-income working families. The organization provides early education and care to help children develop the skills needed for kindergarten readiness and lifelong learning.

"Opportunity has been serving the needs of young children in our community for 87 years with the support of generous donors and the Town of Palm Beach United Way," said Ali Eger, Executive Director of Opportunity. "Thank you for your support and belief in our mission. Together, we are making a difference."

5th Annual Logo Contest

For the fifth consecutive year, the School Supply Drive is featuring a logo contest. Students 18 and under are invited to submit an original drawing depicting the Town of Palm Beach United Way's annual School Supply Drive, along with a brief description, age, school, and contact information. Submissions must be delivered or mailed to Town of Palm Beach United Way by Monday, August 10, 2026 (44 Coconut Row, Suite M201, Palm Beach, FL 33480).

The winning design will serve as next year's official logo and appear on the School Supply Drive webpage, flyers, print advertising, and social media. The winning artist will receive a \$200 Amazon Gift Card. All participants will receive a \$10 Amazon Gift Card.

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

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