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Town of Palm Beach United Way Tocqueville Society Dinner recognizes leadership donors, honors longtime supporters Susan and Bob Wright

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PALM BEACH, Fla. – The Town of Palm Beach United Way celebrated its philanthropic leaders at the 35th Annual Alexis de Tocqueville Society Recognition Dinner on Tuesday, April 14, at the Sailfish Club. **Susan and Bob Wright** were honored with the “Distinguished Citizen Award” in front of a crowd of more than 200 supporters. The award is the highest accolade bestowed by the Town of Palm Beach United Way and recognizes unparalleled leadership in philanthropy.

Tocqueville Society members contribute \$10,000 or more each year to the Town of Palm Beach United Way’s Annual Campaign. **Kimberly and Scott Goodwin** and **Josephine and Jason Kalisman** are co-chairs of this year’s Tocqueville Society. To date, members have raised \$6,253,816 on a goal of \$5.68 million. Since 1990, the Society has raised over \$111 million to help people in need throughout Palm Beach County.

“What makes this community so extraordinary is the depth of compassion and commitment shown by its donors,” said Kimberly Goodwin. “These are people who give with purpose, lead with generosity, and understand that lasting change happens when we invest in one another.”

Added Josephine Kalisman: “Over the past few years, we have seen firsthand the remarkable power of donors united by a genuine desire to make a difference in their community. Their leadership and dedication are creating opportunities, meeting urgent needs, and strengthening lives throughout Palm Beach County each and every day.”

The Distinguished Citizen Award is given each year to an individual or individuals who embody the spirit of philanthropy. They are community champions who have made numerous and long-lasting contributions to the health and welfare of Palm Beach County. Past honorees include **Debra Vasilopoulos, Alan Curtis, James Borynack, Irene and Jim Karp, Norma and Bill Tiefel, Jana and John Scarpa, Michele Kessler, Tom Quick, and Danielle Moore.**

This year’s awardees, Susan and Bob Wright, have been loyal contributors to the Town of Palm Beach United Way for 22 years. The Wrights are past chairs of the Tocqueville Society, and have both served on the Board of Trustees. This year, the Wrights generously underwrote the flagship Youth Philanthropy Initiative, a pilot program between the Town of Palm Beach United Way and Oxbridge Academy to teach high school students about nonprofit leadership, collaborative decision-making, financial literacy, and the grantmaking process.

“The Wrights have long been champions of this community and have made an extraordinary difference through both their generosity and their example,” said Richard Rothchild, Chair of the Board of Trustees. “For more than two decades, Susan and Bob have led with compassion, humility, and a deep sense of responsibility to others. We are proud to honor them for a legacy of giving that is both profound and enduring.”

PLEASE REMEMBER US IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS AND LET US KNOW SO WE CAN SAY THANK YOU.

Contributions to the Tocqueville Society represent 82% of the Town of Palm Beach United Way's Annual Campaign. Funds are currently helping support 71 health and human service programs administered at 38 nonprofit agencies in Palm Beach County that in turn serve hundreds of thousands of children and adults each year.

The dinner was graciously underwritten by **First Horizon** for the 13th consecutive year.

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