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Town of Palm Beach United Way Toy Drive collects over \$28,000 and thousands of toys to benefit Palm Beach County families in need

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PALM BEACH, FL – Hundreds of children and their families will receive toys this holiday season thanks to the generosity of the Palm Beach community. The Town of Palm Beach United Way's 32nd Annual Holiday Toy Drive has so far collected \$28,691 and thousands of toys to help spread joy and hope this holiday season.

Hundreds of residents, workers, businesses, condominiums, and other organizations participated in the drive, which ran from November 9 through early December.

"As we wrap up our 32nd Annual Holiday Toy Drive, I am deeply grateful for the outpouring of generosity from our community," said Richard Rothschild, Board Chair for the Town of Palm Beach United Way. "Every gift—whether a toy or a donation—represents a moment of joy and a message of hope for a child who might otherwise go without. Our neighbors, businesses, and partners should feel incredibly proud of the difference they've made. This drive is a powerful reminder that when our community comes together, we can deliver not just toys, but dignity, comfort, and the true spirit of the holidays to families who need it most."

Gifts were distributed to Town of Palm Beach United Way nonprofit partner agencies Adopt-A-Family, Catholic Charities, Farmworker Coordinating Council, FoundCare, and Literacy Coalition. The agencies serve children ranging in age from babies and toddlers to middle school students and teenagers.

Adopt-A-Family will host a gift giving event at the Senator Philip D. Lewis Homeless Resource Center in West Palm Beach, which gives parents who are experiencing homelessness the opportunity to select gifts for their children.

"Many of the families we serve through the Homeless Resource Center are literally homeless, living in their cars, and/or overcrowded situations," said Layren Calvo, Director of Agency Relations at Adopt-A-Family. "Many of these families get moved into our 90-day emergency shelter or local motels. They come to us with very little to no possessions. These toys will give a great sense of relief to the parents who are already facing severe financial and mental hardship. These toys will also ensure that children experience the magic of the season, just like any other child their age, bringing them joy and a sense of normalcy."

Monetary donations will be divided between 22 United Way partner agencies. Agencies will use the grants, ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500, to purchase gifts for clients in need. Grant recipients include: Achievement Centers for Children and Families, Adopt-A-Family, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, American Association of Caregiving Youth, Boys & Girls Clubs, Catholic Charities, Center for Child Counseling, El Sol, Families First, Farmworker Coordinating Council, FoundCare, The Glades Initiative, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, HomeSafe, Literacy Coalition, The Lord's Place, Milagro Center, Opportunity Early Childhood Center, Project LIFT, Take Stock in Children, Vita Nova, and YMCA of South Palm Beach County.

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