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## Annual Town of Palm Beach United Way Turkey Trot provides Thanksgiving meals to 4,662 Palm Beach County residents

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**PALM BEACH, FL** – More than 1,500 people started their Thanksgiving morning early by participating in the milestone 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Town of Palm Beach United Way Turkey Trot race at Bradley Park. Proceeds from the 5K race, which began at 7:30 AM, provided meals for 4,662 children and adults.

Atticus Stonestrom, 24, of Palm Beach, was the first to cross the finish line and first overall male finisher with a time of 16:43.4. He also won the race in 2022. Taylor Tubbs O’Hara, 28, of Jupiter, placed first overall for females finishing in 18:35.1. As prizes, Stonestrom and O’Hara each received a trophy and a custom-made surfboard. The top two men and women finishers in 10 age divisions also won trophies. All participants who crossed the finish line received a signature Turkey Trot medal.

The sold-out event also featured a Kids Drumstick Dash, raffle drawing, children’s activities, photography, music and refreshments.

“We are truly touched by the outpouring of support for the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary race,” said **Francesca Coniglio Finck**, who co-chairs the event with her husband, **William Finck**, and sister **Gabrielle Coniglio Fricker** and husband **Scott Fricker**. “The Turkey Trot is part of our Thanksgiving tradition. It’s something we look forward to year after year. When you see the entire town come together for one purpose: to give to others; and on a day in which we give thanks for our blessings, you can’t not feel immense gratitude.”

The Turkey Trot would not be possible without the generous support of 74 corporate sponsors and in kind donors. This year’s race is underwritten by Premier Sponsor **Livingston Builders** and Title Sponsors **Douglas Elliman Real Estate | Lisa Wilkinson + Cara Coniglio McClure**, **Findlay Galleries** and **Palm Beach Police & Fire Foundation**. **Bruce Gendelman Insurance** and **Christian Angle Real Estate** are supporting the race as Platinum Sponsors. Gold sponsors are **Beebe Armstrong**, **Caraccio Pools**, **Centerpoint Construction**, **College Admissions Counseling Group**, **Cox Science Center** and **Aquarium**, **Hedrick Brothers** and **Surovek Gallery**.

Race proceeds allowed the Town of Palm Beach United Way to grant funds totaling \$39,707 to 24 nonprofit agencies so they could provide meals for their clients. Some agencies hosted in-person events and others prepared to-go meals.

Milagro Center in Delray Beach hosted a Thanksgiving feast on Tuesday for about 150 economically challenged, academically at-risk children and teens.

“Thanks to the generous donation from the Turkey Trot, students at Milagro Center enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving meal,” said Barbara Stark, CEO of Milagro Center. “The Thanksgiving Feast has become a cherished tradition at Milagro Center. We thank the Town of Palm Beach United Way and all the Turkey Trot supporters for making this special Thanksgiving meal possible.”

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