

Tocqueville Society Dinner



Palm Beach United Way celebrated its philanthropic leaders at the 33rd Annual *Alexis de Tocqueville Society Award Dinner* at Club Colette. **Alan Curtis** was honored with the *Distinguished Citizen Award* in front of a crowd of about 180 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. **Susan and Bob Wright** are Chairs of this year's Tocqueville Society with **Kimberly Goodwin** and **Josephine Kalisman** serving as Co-Chairs. To date, members have raised \$4.8 million on a goal of \$5 million. Since 1990, the Society has raised over \$98 million to help people in need throughout Palm Beach County.

"It has been a rewarding experience helping lead fundraising efforts for the Town of Palm Beach United Way this year," said Goodwin and Kalisman. "The level of involvement and commitment of our donors is special. These are individuals and couples that are invested in their community and truly care about leaving a lasting impact. We are grateful to be a part of the United Way's efforts to change lives throughout Palm Beach County."

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 **James Borynack, Irene and Jim Karp, Norma and Bill Tiefel, Jana and John Scarpa, Tom Quick, and Danielle Moore.**

This year's awardee, Alan Curtis, has been a loyal contributor to the Town of Palm Beach United Way for

27 years, with cumulative giving to the organization totaling over \$2.3 million. He was among the earliest chairmen of the Tocqueville Society, taking part in its cabinet since the early 1990s. Focusing on health and human services, Curtis is known for his long-standing commitment to many local and national groups, including Children's Home Society, St. Mary's Hospital, MorseLife, Planned Parenthood, Cleveland Clinic, the ACLU, Jewish Federation, Anti-Defamation League, and Southern Poverty Law Center.

Contributions to the Tocqueville Society represent 78% of the Town of Palm Beach United Way's Annual Campaign. Funds are currently helping support 71 health and human service programs administered at 39 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 11th consecutive year.

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FIRST ROW: Christine and Alan Curtis; Susan and Bob Wright; Lori and Bruce Gendelman; Kimberly and Scott Goodwin; **SECOND ROW:** Norma and Bill Tiefel; Barbara and Richard Rothschild; Debra Vasilopoulos and John Scarpa; Richard and Ginny Simmons; **THIRD ROW:** Kathy and Paul Leone; Suzanne and Michael Ainslie; Alfred and Gail Engelberg; Pamela and Brian McIver; Phyllis and Bill Mack; Martha and Dwight Schar; Roberta and Paul Kozloff. PHOTOS: CAPEHART

