

TOWN OF PALM BEACH UNITED WAY

Allocation Committee

Volunteers Celebrated



Allocation Committee volunteers celebrated the end of the **Town of Palm Beach United Way's** grant review process at a cocktail party at the Palm Beach home of **Susan and Bob Wright**.

This year's Committee consisted of 93 community volunteers. They were charged with reviewing 83 program applications from 45 nonprofit agencies in Palm Beach County seeking a combined total of \$4.7 million in grant funding from the Town of Palm Beach United Way.

"Over the last three months, these volunteers have selflessly given their time, talent and compassion to be stewards for the Town of Palm Beach United Way donors," said **Suzanne Brenner**, Co-Chairman of the Allocation Committee. "The Allocation team has reviewed program applications, form 990s, audited financial statements; completed zoom calls, site visits and team meetings and asked hundreds of questions — with the end goals of making informed decisions about how best to allocate donor funds. This is a remarkable process. Every dollar donated and every Allocation team volunteer makes a difference in our community."

After weeks of scrupulous evaluation, the Committee is recommending the Town of Palm Beach United Way invest \$3,500,950 of donor dollars to support 77 health and human service programs at 41 agencies that will in turn serve the needs of more than 309,000 men, women and children in Palm Beach County. Their recommendation will be voted on by the Board of Trustees at the Town of Palm Beach United Way's *Annual Meeting* at The Breakers. Once approved, funding will begin July 1st.

"The Allocation volunteers are truly amazing," said Board Chairman **Mary Freitas**. "They serve as the eyes and ears of all our donors to make sure that every dollar contributed to our United Way is well-invested. We value the fact that our United Way is a volunteer-led organization that utilizes community input to help make these important decisions. We were founded on that principle, and it still holds true today."

Programs reviewed support early childhood education, after-school enrichment, mentoring, tutoring, literacy, college preparation, career readiness, access to healthcare, counseling, behavioral therapy, day programs for seniors, substance abuse treatment, independent living for individuals with developmental disabilities, financial education, job training and placement, affordable housing, emergency shelter, food assistance, homelessness prevention and aid for survivors of domestic abuse.

"Town of Palm Beach United Way donors and community members can rest assured that we are investing donor dollars where they matter most," said **Joyce Reingold**, Co-Chairman of the Allocation Committee. "Our support is helping students thrive in school, allowing adults to succeed in the workforce, and giving families the tools they need to break the cycle of generational poverty. The programs we're recommending are ones that truly change lives in our community."

FIRST ROW: Joyce Reingold and Suzanne Brenner; Mary and Mark Freitas; **SECOND ROW:** Susan and Bob Wright; Kerry and Simone Vickar; **THIRD ROW:** Julie and Mike Connors; Kristen Kelly Fisher, Betsy Turner and Sarane Ross; **FOURTH ROW:** Chelsea Surovek and Jessica Surovek; John Broderick, III and Missy Agnello

