

78th Annual Meeting



Town of Palm Beach United Way Board members, volunteers, and community supporters celebrated a successful campaign year at the 78th Annual Meeting held at The Breakers Palm Beach. Trustees approved grant funding and elected new members for the upcoming year. **Eddie Rhodes**, a volunteer mentor with United Way partner **Take Stock in Children**, received this year's *Nettie Finkle Award* for outstanding volunteerism and community service.

General Campaign Chair **Richard Rothschild** announced the Town of Palm Beach United Way has raised \$6,958,858 to date on a goal of \$5.5 million. The campaign ends June 30th. Campaign Chairs **Jay Clifford** and **Stacie Hallinan** (Business and Professional), **Lisa Wilkinson** (Red Feather), and **Susan and Bob Wright** (Alexis de Tocqueville) reported on the outcomes of their respective campaigns.

Islanders Co-Chair **Cara Coniglio McClure**, who has organized the annual Thanksgiving Day *Turkey Trot* race for the past 14 years with her husband **Jared**, announced she is passing the torch to her younger sisters. **Gabrielle and Scott Fricker** and **Francesca and William Finck** will chair the committee for the 15th annual race.

Board Member and Palm Beach Fire Rescue Assistant **Chief Sean Baker** reported on the United Way's yearly school supply, toy and food drives, which collectively raised \$58,840 in addition to distributing thousands of supplies, gifts and food items. Board Vice Chair **Christine Curtis** reported on the *Hurricane Ian Recovery Fund*, which has raised over \$1 million to support emergency relief and rebuilding efforts along Florida's west coast.

Board Member **Carla Cove** presented the Allocation Committee recommendations for 2023-2024 grant funding. Cove served as Co-Chair of the Allocation Committee with **Suzanne Brenner** and **Cornie Thornburgh**. The Board voted to accept the Committee's recommendation to allocate \$3,934,668 to fund 72 programs at 40 nonprofit agencies. Funding begins July 1st.

Mayor Danielle Moore announced **Eddie Rhodes** as the recipient of the 2023 *Nettie Finkle Award*. Rhodes has been a volunteer mentor with Take Stock in Children for 12 years, but has served the communities of Belle Glade and Pahokee for decades. He has mentored over a dozen young men, and works with their families, teachers, guidance counselors, coaches and other influencers to help his mentees overcome their circumstances and succeed to graduation and beyond.

Board Member **Mary Freitas** presented the *Nominating Committee Report*. Trustees voted to accept 13 new members to the Board: **Skip Aldridge**, **Arthur Indursky**, **Stephen Fiverson**, **David Frisbie**, **Kim Goodwin**, **Kristen Lambert**, **Nancy Lane**, **Paul Kozloff**, **Diane McNeal**, **Evelyn McNiff**, **Ross Meltzer**, **Katherine Parr** and **Barbara Rothschild**. All will serve a three-year term as members of the Class of 2026, bringing the roster to 78 members.

The *Annual Meeting* was graciously underwritten by **CIBC Private Wealth** for the second consecutive year. Managing Director **Gina Sabean** spoke at the meeting on behalf of the company.

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FIRST ROW: Richard Rothschild, Bill Tiefel and Bill Mack; Diane McNeal and Gina Sabean; **SECOND ROW:** Eddie Rhodes and Danielle Moore; Anne Carmichael, Steve Hall and Susan Wright; **THIRD ROW:** Mary Freitas and Rita Nowak; Missy Agnello and Carla Cove; **FOURTH ROW:** Sean Baker and Lisa Wilkinson; Christine Curtis and Diana Stanley. PHOTOS: CAPEHART

