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Town of Palm Beach United Way collects thousands of donations and food items during 11th Annual Empty Your Pantry Food Drive

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PALM BEACH, FL – The 11th Annual Empty Your Pantry Food Drive received hundreds of food items and \$7,275 to date in donations to benefit food insecure children and adults in Palm Beach County. The drive was held April 1 through April 15 in partnership with **Field of Greens, Palm Beach Fire Rescue and Palm Beach Daily News.**

"We are amazed and extremely grateful for all the donations to the food drive this year," said Campaign Chairman **Richard Rothschild.** "The food and cash donations we collected will help our food-focused nonprofit partners fill their pantries over the summer when they need help the most."

The food was donated to two Town of Palm Beach United Way nonprofit partners: **Alpert Jewish Family Service** and **Farmworker Coordinating Council.**

The cash donations will be split evenly to benefit food pantries at United Way partner agencies Alpert Jewish Family Service, Boca Helping Hands, CROS Ministries, El Sol, and The Glades Initiative.

Alpert Jewish Family Service provides kosher food to vulnerable Jewish individuals, families, seniors and Holocaust survivors facing food insecurity in Palm Beach County. The agency currently has two kosher food pantries in West Palm Beach and Boynton Beach.

"Food insecurity is a large problem in our area and we are grateful for all the donations that came in to the United Way to help our pantries and feed our clients in the surrounding communities," said Cara Gottlieb, Director of Food Pantry Operations at Alpert Jewish Family Center.

Farmworker Coordinating Council distributes food and food vouchers to meet the needs of local farmworkers and their families. The agency distributes food from offices in Lake Worth and Belle Glade.

"The food donated will help these families avoid suffering from hunger, providing them with essential nourishment to meet their basic needs," said Denise Negron, Executive Director of Farmworker Coordinating Council.

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