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Town of Palm Beach United Way Tocqueville Society Dinner recognizes leadership donors, honors longtime supporter James R. Borynack

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PALM BEACH, Fla. – The Town of Palm Beach United Way celebrated its philanthropic leaders at the 32nd Annual Alexis de Tocqueville Society Award Dinner on Monday, March 27, at Club Colette. **James R. Borynack** was honored with the “Distinguished Citizen Award” in front of a crowd of about 150 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 co-chairs of this year’s Tocqueville Society. To date, members have raised over \$5.4 million on a goal of \$4.2 million. Since 1990, the Society has raised over \$93 million to help people in need throughout Palm Beach County.

“It has been an honor for us to lead fundraising efforts as co-chairs of the Tocqueville campaign,” said Susan Wright. “The Town of Palm Beach United Way is a remarkable organization, with devoted supporters, that does so much to improve our community. We are grateful to be a part of the United Way, and we thank all of our friends and neighbors who have helped make this year such a wonderful success.”

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 **Irene and Jim Karp, Norma and Bill Tiefel, Jana and John Scarpa, Michele Kessler, Tom Quick, Danielle Moore and Paul Leone.** (Full list attached)

This year’s awardee, James R. Borynack, has been a loyal contributor to the Town of Palm Beach United Way for 26 years. He serves on the Board of Trustees and Red Feather Committee. Mr. Borynack has made generous contributions to the United Way’s Hurricane Ian Recovery Fund, Ukraine Refugee Fund, Hunger Relief Fund and COVID-19 Emergency Fund, as well as donations to the annual school supply, toy and food drives. He has also graciously hosted United Way events at Findlay Galleries, his staple art gallery on Worth Avenue. Findlay Galleries has been a title sponsor of the United Way’s Turkey Trot race for the past decade. (Full bio attached)

“Jimmy Borynack represents the very best in our society, bringing talent, expertise, originality, friendship and empathy to every business endeavor, non-profit position and community role he undertakes,” said Board Chairman **Bill Tiefel**. “From children and families to hospice patients to artists, Jimmy Borynack goes above and beyond to serve others.”

Contributions to the Tocqueville Society represent more than 80% of the Town of Palm Beach United Way’s Annual Campaign. Funds are currently helping support 77 health and human service programs at 41 nonprofit agencies in Palm Beach County that in turn serve more than 300,000 children and adults each year.

“Tocqueville members set the standard for exceptional giving,” said General Campaign Chairman **Richard Rothschild**. “Their leadership gifts transform lives and communities. I cannot thank our Tocqueville donors enough for the remarkable impact they make in Palm Beach County.”

The dinner was graciously underwritten by **First Horizon** for the 10th consecutive year.

James R. Borynack

Mr. Borynack is Chairman and CEO of Wally Findlay Galleries International, Inc., founded as Findlay Galleries in 1870, America's second oldest art gallery celebrating its 153rd Anniversary. An alumnus of the Parsons School of Design, he joined Wally Findlay Galleries in 1972 and acquired their International company in 1998. Mr. Borynack is a lifetime member of the Board of Directors of Bellevue Hospital Center's Children of Bellevue and was awarded the Los Ninos Image Award for Philanthropy by New York's Committee for Hispanic Children and Families. He was a Board Development Chair of the American Ballet Theatre, an advisor to the NY State Prison in Art Programs and a member of the President's Council of the New School. Mr. Borynack served on the Board of Directors for the David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies and The Manhattan Jewish Health Services for Hospice. He chaired the National Hospice Foundation and its Board of Governors and was a Board Member of the Trustbridge Hospice Foundation of Palm Beach and Broward Counties. The Hope For Depression Research Foundation honored Mr. Borynack and his partner, Adolfo Zaralegui, with their HOPE Corporate Visionary Award. Currently, he is an Ambassador's Circle member of the World Jewish Congress and serves as president of the US Committee for UNESCO.

He is the Chairman of the Palm Beach Symphony, a member of the United Way's Tocqueville Society and serves on the United Way of Palm Beach Board of Directors. Borynack is also a member of the Social Register Foundation Advisory Committee and a Director of the Palm Beach Civic Association. He is a founding Trustee of the American Foundation for the Pontifical Institute of Theology at Posillipo (Naples, Italy) and a sustaining member of the Patrons of The Vatican Museums. This year, he was a recipient of the Lighthouse Guild Visionary Award for Philanthropy and received the Special Bishop's Charity Medal presented by The Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito of the Diocese of Palm Beach.



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TOWN OF PALM BEACH UNITED WAY ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD 1990-PRESENT

The Distinguished Citizen Award recognizes outstanding contributions by individuals whose generosity and dedication is motivated by the desire to improve the quality of life for all citizens in our community. Each year, we honor an individual or individuals who display the highest level of commitment to serving our community.

2023 James Borynack
2022 Irene and Jim Karp
2019 Norma and Bill Tiefel
2018 Jana and John Scarpa
2017 Michele Kessler
2016 Tom Quick
2015 Danielle Hickox Moore
2014 Patricia Cook
2013 Bud Tamarkin
2012 Stanley Rumbough
2011 Lesly Smith
2010 Marjorie Fisher
2009 Sydelle Meyer
2008 Daniel Ponton
2007 Ruth and Edward Hennessy
2006 Bob and Mary Montgomery
2005 Ruth and Carl Shapiro
2004 Nicki and Ira Harris
2003 Paul Leone
2002 Gene Ribakoff
2001 Anita Michaels
2000 Christine Curtis
1999 Mary Alice Fortin
1998 Helen Cluett
1997 Sidney Kohl
1996 Edward Cook
1995 Alex Dreyfoos
1994 Ann Appleman
1993 John Brogan
1992 Nate Appleman
1991 Frances Hufty
1990 Doyle Rogers