



The United Way Beat

*See a Stronger Community. Feel Connected to Solutions.
Be the Heart of Palm Beach County.*

Check out our upcoming Heart of the Matter Conversation on hunger relief with a special keynote speaker, learn about Summer BreakSpots, and see results from our COVID-19 Impact Survey.



See a Stronger Community

From February 24 through March 17, 2021, United Way of Palm Beach County conducted a survey to better understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on local households.



2,604 local residents representing a variety of demographics completed the survey and were classified by household income, above and below the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Threshold.

Key Insights:

- 73% of all respondents stated contracting COVID-19 as their primary concern.
- Those below the ALICE Threshold were **significantly more likely** to be concerned about:

- Having enough food for their household
- Paying for housing expenses
- Black respondents were **significantly more likely** to answer they 'would not be able to pay for an emergency expense that costs \$400' than White respondents.

The information gathered in the *COVID-19 Impact Survey* will help identify trends and local needs to direct United Way of Palm Beach County's work to better provide access to the basics in this difficult time and in a changing landscape.

[View the Full Report](#)



Feel Connected to Solutions



Summer BreakSpots

64% of students who receive free and reduced lunches lose access to regular meals when school is not in session. Hunger relief partners all over PBC are serving FREE breakfast, lunch, and snacks to students 18 years and younger throughout the summer!

Summer BreakSpot FUN Virtual Activities

United Way's Hunger Relief team also created Summer BreakSpot FUN activities to keep students learning, moving, and engaged over the summer. This initiative offers virtual programs **Monday - Friday at 2:00pm**. Activities from community partners include reading, exercise, safety demonstrations, STEM projects, a writing competition, and more.

Check out Summer BreakSpot FUN Activities

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HEART OF THE MATTER: FIGHTING HUNGER IN PBC

AN INFORMATIVE CONVERSATION ABOUT HUNGER FROM A LOCAL, STATE, & NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE



ELLEN VOLLINGER
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KIM MOWATT JOHNSON
President/CEO
Florida Impact to End Hunger



Special
GUEST
SPEAKER

COMMISSIONER NIKKI FRIED
Florida Department of Agriculture
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NANCY BOLTON
Assistant County Administrator
Palm Beach County



RUTH MAGERIA
Executive Director
CROS Ministries

Wednesday, July 21
Noon
Free Virtual Event

Hosted by



United Way
of Palm Beach County

A panel of local, state & national nonprofit and community leaders will discuss the PBC Hunger Relief Plan; how United Way and our partners overcame challenges to build an infrastructure that connects families with healthy food, especially at the peak of COVID-19; and share available hunger relief resources and initiatives in our community. **Keynote speaker Commissioner Nikki Fried will share about her team's role in the county-wide hunger relief efforts and host a brief Q&A.**

Our Exec. VP of Community Investments, Dr. Seth Bernstein and our VP of Hunger Relief, Julie Kreafler will be co-moderating this conversation.

Join us for this free virtual event on July 21 at 12pm!

[RSVP Today!](#)

Laurie George and Brian Edwards Receive Leadership PBC Excellence Awards



At the Leadership Palm Beach County Excellence Awards, our own President & CEO Laurie George and SVP of Development Brian Edwards received the Excellence Award for the Nonprofit Sector for 2020 and 2021, respectively. **They are tremendous Champions for our community and dedicated to making PBC a place where everyone can thrive!**

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