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**Jim Robo and Meredith Trim Donate \$700,000 to Three Local Nonprofits
Focused on Alleviating Hunger in Palm Beach County**

Local leaders link arms with nonprofits to fight food insecurity during COVID-19

West Palm Beach, Fla. (April 27, 2020) - Hunger is no stranger to the Palm Beach County community; hundreds of local nonprofits, businesses and other partners fight hunger every day and the COVID-19 pandemic is adding to the need for food. Community champions Jim Robo and Meredith Trim are helping pave a new way forward in hunger relief through a combined \$700,000 donation to United Way of Palm Beach County, The Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, and the Palm Beach County Food Bank.

Through their leadership and philanthropy, Robo and Trim knew they could make an immediate impact to those in desperate need of food by supporting nonprofits with an increasing need to serve more families. As the novel coronavirus started to make its way into our community, food insecurity was one of the first areas in which United Way of Palm Beach County and its hunger relief partners saw a tremendous spike in need.

“Hunger and food insecurity are ongoing challenges for many of our neighbors in Palm Beach County, and COVID-19 has forced many more to seek help,” said Trim. “These three organizations are partners and enablers of dozens of nonprofits in our community with experience in hunger relief. Through these gifts, Jim and I seek to strengthen this local network at a time when Palm Beach County needs it the most.”

Through the \$200,000 contribution from Robo and Trim, United Way of Palm Beach County will expand hunger relief efforts through its county-wide Hunger Relief Plan, which addresses emerging infrastructure needs of local food banks and pantries to ensure our most vulnerable residents, our children and seniors, have access to food.

“Jim Robo and Meredith Trim are demonstrated philanthropic leaders in Palm Beach County. I am grateful for their investment in United Way of Palm Beach County’s hunger relief work and proud to partner with them to address this imperative need in our community,” said Dr. Laurie George, president & CEO of United Way of Palm Beach County.

Along with United Way of Palm Beach County, The Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties received \$300,000, and the Palm Beach County Food Bank received \$200,000 to feed those experiencing sudden economic strain due to the coronavirus. The Food Bank supplies

food items to nearly 200 food pantries and programs in Palm Beach County, helping our community provide nourishment to hungry residents.

“One of the most compelling components about hunger relief is that it is focused on neighbors helping neighbors—and never is that more true than in tough times. In the unprecedented world of this global pandemic, we are particularly grateful to Jim and Meredith for recognizing the extraordinary need that Palm Beach County residents are experiencing—and generously donating to help combat that need. Because of their support, more children, seniors and families throughout our community will have food on their tables,” shared Karen Erren, executive director of the Palm Beach County Food Bank.

Palm Beach County’s hunger relief community has a unique reputation for relentlessly supporting each other in times of crisis. Community leaders, like Jim Robo, Meredith Trim and many others, continue to show us that the true heart of our community is rooted in generosity.

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About United Way of Palm Beach County: For 90 years, United Way of Palm Beach County has been the local leader dedicated to identifying and addressing critical community issues to improve the lives of our residents. We champion community change by strategically uniting key stakeholders and community leaders and investing in successful, sustainable nonprofits. United Way funds 100 local programs and initiatives that provide lasting solutions and measurable results – from increasing graduation rates and supporting literacy to ensuring financial independence, promoting healthy lifestyles and ending hunger. When you support United Way of Palm Beach County, you are strengthening your community. To learn more call 561.375.6600 or visit www.UnitedWayPBC.org.