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Flagler Museum to Host Food Drive with Palm Beach United Way

PALM BEACH, FL - The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum (1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach) is partnering with the Town of Palm Beach United Way to host the 8th annual Empty Your Pantry Food Drive on Saturday, April 3rd from 10 am to 2 pm in the Museum's visitor parking lot. Volunteers from the United Way as well as Museum staff members on its Flagler's Spirit team will be on hand and wearing face coverings to safely collect donations. For safety and social-distancing, place non-perishable food donations in your vehicle's trunk or tailgate before driving up to the drop-off point, then pop your trunk or tailgate for the volunteers to collect your items! The food drive benefits El Sol Resource Center and The Glades Initiative. Walk-up donations will also be accepted.

The Flagler's Spirit team was formed by Museum staff members in 2016 as a way to give back to the local community, taking inspiration from Henry Flagler's many examples of generosity to the communities he developed along Florida's eastern seaboard. Flagler provided land, buildings, and financial support to schools, places of worship, libraries, hospitals, agricultural operations and more during his lifetime. Today, the Flagler's Spirit team focuses on providing opportunities for children and adults, who may not otherwise have them, to visit Whitehall and experience it in meaningful ways. The team also partners with local charitable organizations, most recently holding a book drive at the Museum in collaboration with the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County.

"The Flagler Museum, through our Flagler's Spirit community outreach committee, is thrilled to be participating in this year's Empty Your Pantry Food Drive," said Allison Goff, the Museum's Member and Visitor Services Director. "We thank our generous members and visitors and the greater Palm Beach community in advance for helping support our most vulnerable neighbors, especially on the occasion of the Easter holiday weekend. Since we are unable to host our annual Easter Egg Hunt due to continuing COVID-19 safety measures, we are so happy for the opportunity to partner with the Town of Palm Beach United Way on April 3rd."

The Flagler Museum will be open for general admission during the food drive and through Easter weekend. The previously announced visitor guidelines and public safety protections remain in place for the safety of all guests and Museum staff, including mandatory face coverings for all visitors over the age of two, social distancing of six feet while in the presence of others, and limiting parties to no more than four. Guests are asked to purchase timed entry tickets in advance online at www.flaglermuseum.us/visiting.

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The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum

When it was completed in 1902, Whitehall, Henry Flagler's Gilded Age estate in Palm Beach, was hailed by the New York Herald as "more wonderful than any palace in Europe, grander and more magnificent than any other private dwelling in the world." Today, Whitehall is a National Historic Landmark and is open to the public as the Flagler Museum, featuring changing exhibitions and special programs. The Museum is located at One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach, FL 33480. For more information, please call the Flagler Museum at (561) 655-2833 or visit www.flaglermuseum.us.

The Flagler Museum is funded in part by Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Tourist Development Council, the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County, the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.

Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm Sunday, 12 pm to 5 pm Closed on Mondays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day

Admission Prices:

Admission is free for Flagler Museum Members \$18 for Adults (ages 18+) \$10 for Youth (ages 13 - 17) \$3 for Children (ages 6 - 12) Children ages 5 and under are free