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Flagler Museum Announces Teacher Appreciation Hours, Partners with Dress for Success to Collect Medical Scrubs in October

Museum's community collaborations in support of Palm Beach County's frontline heroes

PALM BEACH, FL - The <u>Henry Morrison Flagler Museum</u> (1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach), a proud business partner of The School District of Palm Beach County, is once again offering free admission to all local educators during special hours in October. A women's clothing drive is also being held at the Museum in October.

Teacher Appreciation Hours October 12-15, 2021 4 to 6 pm Free admission for educators with valid ID Advance reservations required

Free admission, free educational resources plus a special gift are being offered to local educators during Teacher Appreciation Hours at the Flagler Museum. The Museum will stay open an additional hour from October 12th through 15th for educators to enjoy a self-guided tour of Whitehall and the Flagler Kenan Pavilion between 4 and 6 pm.

"As the school year begins, we are eager to welcome teachers back to Whitehall where we hope they'll find both inspiration among our collections as well as support for their classrooms," said Erin Manning, Executive Director of the Flagler Museum. "It is our joy to provide this after-hours opportunity to all educators as they continue to navigate these uncertain times."

Educators are asked to call (561) 655-2833 ext. 10 to request their free admission ticket in advance. Guest admission tickets will be available for purchase. All visitors during Teacher Appreciation Hours will be required to follow the Museum's current Visitor Experience and Public Safety Protection policies. For more information, visit <u>www.flaglermuseum.us/teacher-appreciation-hours</u>.

Teacher Appreciation Hours are generously underwritten by Templeton & Company.

<u>Flagler's Spirit Clothing Drive</u> October 1-22, 2021 during regular Museum Hours

The Flagler's Spirit team, together with Dress for Success Palm Beaches, is hosting a women's clothing drive at the Flagler Museum from October 1st through 22nd during regular Museum Hours. In support of frontline workers in the medical field, this clothing drive is focused on collecting new or gently used medical scrubs and non-skid shoes. Most needed are scrubs in sizes Large and above. Solid colors are preferred.

Staff members at the Museum came together to form Flagler's Spirit 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, the Flagler's Spirit team organized a supply drive to benefit earthquake and hurricane vicitims in Haiti. Tarps, sheets and

medical supplies were donated by Museum employees in September in conjunction with the City of Boynton Beach, whose sister city, Les Cayes, Haiti, was greatly affected by both catastrophes. The donations are being sent to Haiti by the Gaskov Clergé Foundation.

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. Hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, 12 to 5 pm. For more information, call (561) 655-2833 or visit <u>www.flaglermuseum.us</u>.

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