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Flagler Museum to Host Empty Your Pantry Food Drive with Town of Palm Beach United Way in April

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 9th annual Empty Your Pantry Food Drive on Saturday, April 9th from 10 am to 2 pm in the Museum's parking lot. Volunteers from the United Way and Flagler's Spirit, a community-focused team of Museum staff members, will be on hand to collect non-perishable food donations during this drive-up and drop-off event. This year's food drive benefits Boca Helping Hands and CROS Ministries. Walk-up donations will also be accepted.

"The Flagler Museum is happy to once again partner with the United Way as a drop-off location for its annual food drive," said Allison Goff, the Museum's Member and Visitor Services Director. "We regularly witness first-hand the generosity of our members and visitors, who we hope are inspired by the generous acts of Henry Flagler during his lifetime. The Museum would like to thank all donors who participate this year for joining us in supporting those in need in our community."

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.

The Flagler Museum will be open for general admission during the food drive.

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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. 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 www.flaglermuseum.us.

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