

## Pie It Forward

The area's biggest Thanksgiving pie sale is back

Palm Beach County's largest Thanksgiving pie sale, which has raised more than \$1 million to help Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches provide nutritious meals to thousands of homebound seniors, is back again, celebrating "10 Years of Pies."

"Pie It Forward" began in 2015 and has grown into the signature event for our organization," says Pamela Calzadilla, president and CEO of Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches. "We are so grateful for the support from our community, which has embraced this unique event and helped it grow into our largest fundraiser of the year."

To mark ten years of selling pies, "Pie

It Forward" is teaming up with Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa to offer a special hazelnut pumpkin praline pie with toasted marshmallow topping for \$40. Also being offered is an Anniversary Bundle, which, along with the pie, includes a special apron and pie server.

"We are very appreciative of the support we're receiving from Eau Palm Beach, which is helping to make this event even more special this year," says Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches Special Events Director Maura Sartory. "Eau Palm Beach has been with us since the beginning, donating more than 1,000 pies to our campaign over the past 10 years."

"Pie It Forward" also offers apple, pecan, pumpkin, key lime, and other specialty pies prepared by chefs throughout the community.

Pies are available for a donation of \$30 each and \$35 each for other specialty pies, with the exception of the hazelnut pumpkin praline pie. Supporters can also "Gift-A-Pie" to someone special, allowing the lucky recipient to order their choice of pie and choose a convenient pick-up location.

Pies will be sold online between Nov. 1 and 18 and will be available for pick up on Nov 26 between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. at three locations: the Palm Beach County Convention Center, Roger Dean Chevro-

let Stadium in Jupiter and Duffy's Sports Grill, 1750 S. Federal Highway in Delray Beach.

Each pie purchased helps cover the cost of delivering a nutritious meal to a homebound senior in the community for one week.

More than 30 "Pie Masters" from restaurants and county clubs will participate in this year's "Pie It Forward," donating more than 3,000 pies.

Calzadilla adds, "We feel so fortunate to be in such a caring and supportive community,"

For more information, visit [www.mowpbpie.org](http://www.mowpbpie.org). ■



"Pie It Forward," is a fundraiser for Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches



Stephanie Deltondo from Bank of America likes the look of her pie!

MEALS ON WHEELS OF THE PALM BEACHES

## Strawberry Celebration

The South Florida Strawberry Festival returns for a 3rd year

Get ready to celebrate the strawberry at the South Florida Strawberry Festival. This exciting event is returning to a bigger location at South County Regional Park in Boca Raton.

The mid-winter festival features a variety of strawberry treats, live music and entertainment, kids activities, rides, inflatable villages and artisan shopping.

"Florida is the number one winter strawberry producer, and we wanted to celebrate the wonderful weather we have here in South Florida in January with the South Florida Strawberry Festival," says

Artisan Promotions co-founder Jackie Ralston.

Teens and adults can test their athletic ability at the U.S. Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course. Kid's rides include slides, bumper boats and bungee trampolines. Decorate strawberry-shaped cookies or create strawberry-scented candles. Cuddle up with live animals at the petting zoo and take your picture with festival mas-



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cot Silly Sammy the Strawberry. Returning by popular demand is the "America's Got Talent Stunt Dog Show."

"Our goal was to create an event that has something for everyone, from babies to empty nesters," says Artisan Promotions co-founder Skyler Mendieta. "An entertaining festival, taste bud satisfying, adrenaline-inducing, and the whole

event centers around strawberries. You name it, we have it!"

The South Florida Strawberry Festival will run from January 17-19 at South County Regional Park, 12551 Glades Road, Boca Raton. To purchase tickets and learn more, visit [SoFloStrawberryFestival.com](http://SoFloStrawberryFestival.com). ■

