

MEALS ON WHEELS



Pie It Forward Brings Thanksgiving Pies Back to Delray Beach

Thanksgiving dinner isn't complete without a piece of pie for dessert and this year Pie It Forward is once again making it easier for those in Delray Beach to pick up a pie – or two – without ever leaving their car.

Benefiting Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches and presented this year by Bank of America and Carrier – Pie It Forward has raised more than \$750,000 since it began six years ago and has helped ensure that hundreds of homebound seniors in Palm Beach County receive nutritious meals delivered by caring volunteers.

"Pie It Forward is a signature event for our organization and continues to help us provide close to 300 meals each weekday to seniors, including

many in the Delray Beach area," said Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches President and CEO Pamela Calzadilla. "Each pie purchased underwrites a week of hot, nutritious meals for one of our homebound seniors."

This year Pie It Forward offers apple, pecan, pumpkin and key lime pies prepared by chefs from country clubs, restaurants, and resorts throughout the community. Pies are being pre-sold online between November 1 and November 17 and will be available for pick up from one of three con-

venient locations on November 23, two days before Thanksgiving.

Pies are available for a donation of \$30 each, except for key lime pies which are \$35 each. Virtual pies, a \$30 donation, are also available and this year once again Pie It Forward is offering the opportunity to Gift-A-Pie to someone special.

For the third year in a row, Pie It Forward is teaming up with Duffy's Sports Grill and making it possible for those in the south county area to conveniently drive up to the Delray Beach location, 1750 S. Federal Highway, and pick up their pre-ordered pies. In addition, the team at Duffy's will once again be baking delicious apple pies. Pies can also be picked up at the Palm Beach County Convention Center and at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium.

"This year we are donating 350 pies, which will help raise funds to feed seniors in need," said Geri Emmett, chairwoman of the Duffy's Foundation and a member of the Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches Board of Directors. "Pie It Forward is a fantastic cause that brings awareness to the number of seniors in our communities that need financial assistance, help getting access to a healthy meal and a daily wellness check."

Duffy's is also partnering with the Palm Beach School for Autism to assemble pie boxes and with local girl scout, who will once again decorate pies and pie boxes.

"We're grateful to the close to 25 pie masters from our community who are donating more than 2,000 pies," said Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches Special Events Director Maura Nelson. "For the last two years we offered just a limited number of key lime pies and they sold out quickly. This year several of our pie masters agreed to provide us with about 400 key lime pies in response to the high demand."



GERI EMMETT - CHAIRWOMAN OF THE DUFFY'S FOUNDATION

"Pie Masters" baking and donating pies this year include those from Addison Reserve, Admiral's Cove, Bear Lakes Country Club, The Beach Club, Boca Grove, Cakes, Etc., The Colony Hotel, Duffy's Sports Grill, Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, Frenchman's Creek, The Club at Ibis, Kitchen, Lost Tree Club, Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches, Mirasol, Palm Beach County Convention Center, The Polo Club, Sailfish Club of Florida, and Wycliffe.

Also helping by preparing pie boxes again this year are volunteers from the United Way of Palm Beach County's Emerging Leader's Society.

"Pie It Forward is a fun and meaningful opportunity for our members to make a difference and help local seniors have enough to eat," said Lindsey White, associate Vice President of Philanthropy for United Way of Palm Beach County.

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