

A Milestone for Dignity

Junior League of the Palm Beaches provides essential care supplies to women and girls

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An estimated one in four low-income women in the United States struggle to afford period supplies. In Palm Beach County, the Junior League of the Palm Beaches is celebrating a major milestone in addressing this need—distributing one million period supplies since launching its Period Poverty Supply Bank in 2020.

The bank, created in partnership with the Alliance for Period Supplies, ensures dignity and access for young adults and women who might otherwise go without these essential items. The millionth supply was collected alongside the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County and its Red Apple Supplies initiative, which distributes the products to schools and organizations countywide.

“This collaboration with the Junior League of the Palm Beaches is more than a supply drive—it’s about dignity,

equity, and ensuring students can show up to class with confidence,” says James Gavrilos, CEO of the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County.

Over the last five years, JLPB has partnered with more than 25 nonprofits to reach those in need. Without supplies, many students miss school, affecting academic performance, self-esteem, and long-term opportunities.

“This moment is more than a number, it’s a testament to the relentless drive of the women of Junior League of the Palm Beaches who want to ensure all women and young girls can access critical hygiene supplies,” says Maria Pumarejo, Junior League of the Palm Beaches past president.

For 85 years, The Junior League of the Palm Beaches has championed causes from literacy to healthcare, partnering with organizations such as Quantum House and launching programs like its Little Libraries initiative. For more, visit www.jlpb.org. ■



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The Period Poverty Supply Bank helps ensure dignity and access for young women who might otherwise go without essential personal items.