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First Horizon executive Debra Vasilopoulos honored with Town of Palm Beach United Way's Distinguished Citizen Award

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PALM BEACH, Fla. – **Debra Vasilopoulos**, Market President at First Horizon Bank, is the recipient of the 2025 Town of Palm Beach United Way Distinguished Citizen Award. The award is the highest accolade bestowed by the Town of Palm Beach United Way and recognizes unparalleled leadership in philanthropy.

The Distinguished Citizen Award is given each year to an individual or individuals who embody the spirit of philanthropy. They are community champions who have made numerous and long-lasting contributions to the health and welfare of Palm Beach County. Some of the past honorees include **Alan Curtis, James Borynack, Irene and Jim Karp, Norma and Bill Tiefel, Jana and John Scarpa, Tom Quick, and Danielle Moore.**

“Debra has always been a champion of our local United Way, and a passionate advocate for giving back to the community and to people in need,” said Board Chairman **Richard Rothschild**. “Through her professional connections, fundraising efforts, leadership roles, and volunteer hours, she has made a profound impact on our organization and countless lives in Palm Beach County. She is deserving of this award in every way.”

Vasilopoulos is the current Board Secretary of the Town of Palm Beach United Way. She has also served the United Way as a volunteer on its Allocation Committee, and as a past chair of the Alexis de Tocqueville Society. Along with her colleagues at First Horizon, Vasilopoulos participates in annual drives for school supplies, holiday toys, and food. She has also assisted the United Way and other nonprofits in Palm Beach County in securing grants for COVID-19, natural disasters, and other emergencies.

For the past 14 years, Vasilopoulos has served as the Executive Vice President and Market President of First Horizon Bank. She is responsible for directing the private client, commercial banking, and business banking segments within the South Florida region. A recognized leader with over 30 years of experience in private wealth management; Vasilopoulos is known for her exceptional business acumen and passion for building high performing teams.

Within her organization, Vasilopoulos is Co-Executive Sponsor for the South Florida Women's Associate Resource Group and leads the Women and Wealth Initiative for the South Region. She was selected among 25 women in her organization to attend the Women's Unlimited Leadership Program, and has been selected as a Diamond Circle participant for the past four years for her contributions to First Horizon.

Outside the financial world, Vasilopoulos maintains active involvement in many community service organizations, including those that encourage wildlife conservation, children's art education, and financial literacy to underserved communities.

“She's an extraordinary woman,” said Beth Walton, Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Palm Beach United Way. “She has a long history of giving talent and treasure, and is passionate about supporting organizations that bring meaningful change. We are extremely fortunate to have her as a member of the United Way team.”

Originally from Massachusetts, Vasilopoulos attended Lowell University, College of Financial Planning. She resides in Tequesta with her husband of 40 years, Peter, and her beloved dog, Bond.

To recognize her service, Vasilopoulos was presented with a crystal during a private dinner event in Palm Beach in front of about 230 United Way supporters.

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