



Campers **stayed cool** this past summer in our indoor pools at the Boynton and Boca YMCAs.



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The Y TIMES

FALL 2021

FOREVER with OUR COMMUNITY.



The YMCA of South Palm Beach County is a non-profit organization that has been serving individuals of all ages, backgrounds and abilities for more than 49 years. However, we could not possibly do this without continued support. Each year our members, staff, volunteers and

friends pledge to raise money through our Annual Giving Campaign, which enables the Y to turn NO ONE away due to their inability to pay. 100% of contributions to our Annual Giving Campaign supports our Y's Financial Assistance program, which allows us to provide programs such as Youth Sports, After school care, Swim Lessons, Camp, Teen programs, Preschool and more to those in need, giving children a safe place to learn, grow and build confidence. Annually, our Y



provides over \$1 million dollars in programs and services back to the community. This year, we ask you to join us in making an impact by considering a donation to our Annual Giving Campaign. Your support will help our neighbors in need continue to receive the programs and services they need to thrive.

DONATE TODAY: [YMCASPBC.ORG/GIVE](https://www.ymcaspbc.org/give)

The YMCA helps address community issues by:

- Keeping Kids Safe In and Around the Water
- Preventing Summer Slide
- School Readiness and Success
- Developing Youth Leadership
- Supporting Parents and Strengthening Families
- Teaching Values and Character Building through Sports

2021 Annual Giving Campaign Leadership Team

Campaign Chair: Hank Jackson
Vice Chair: Linda Gunn Paton

TRUSTEE CAMPAIGN

Campaign Chair: Linda Gunn Paton
Board Chair: Bob Robes
Major Gifts Chair: Terry Fedele
Employee Chair: Jennie Coppit
Community Chair: Doug Mosely



PETER BLUM CAMPAIGN

Campaign Chair: Adam Marshall
Board Chair: Freddie July-Johnson
Major Gifts Chair: Billy Marino
Employee Chair: Martha Blandon
Employee Vice Chair: Emily Gates
Community Chair: Michael Nathanson

DEVOS-BLUM CAMPAIGN

Campaign Chair: Pam Arrieta
Board Chair: Dan Huck
Major Gifts Chair: Grant Skolnick
Employee Chair: Ira Bell
Community Chair: Casey Wilbanks



19th Annual YMCA Inspiration Breakfast speaker Desmond Howard and friend of Craig and Judi Donoff, presented a signed picture to Judi honoring the legacy of Craig to our YMCA.



Thank you to **West Boca Medical Center** who provided financial assistance scholarships for swim lessons during Safety Around the Water week.



The Boca Y hosted a week of free swim lessons to **nearly 100 kids** in August, which was generously sponsored by the **Piedt Family Swim Scholarship**.



Boynton Y campers enjoyed creating and producing their very own **music videos** with "Kids on the Slope" this summer. Thank you to the **Community Foundation for Palm Beach & Martin Counties** - Bailey Stein Fund, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation for sponsoring this program.



Campers who participated in the Art Showcase at the Boynton Y showed **Boynton Mayor, Steven B. Grant** the variety of art projects they produced this summer.



THE LAB showed off new "tech toys" including 3D printers offered in their Makerspace, generously sponsored by **JM Family Enterprises**. JM staff came out to experience first hand what their sponsorship made available.



Former President & CEO of the YMCA of SPBC, Richard Pollock, and Vice Chair of the 2021 Annual Giving Campaign, Linda Gunn Paton hosted a **Campaigner Thank You party** at the Delray Beach Club.



Boynton YMCA Teen spoke about how the Y has **impacted her life** at our Annual Giving Campaign Thank You party.



Pascal Liguori and his family enjoyed our Y's Annual Giving Campaign **Thank You Party**.

MEET OUR DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT STAFF



Heather Dupree
Coordinator of Special Events & Projects

How long have you been with the Y?

I am very new to the Y. I started just this past May, 8 days before Inspiration Breakfast, so I am at almost 3 months.

What did you do before working at the Y?

Before working at the Y I spent 15 years working in Country Clubs. Right out of college I started at Boca West Club as the Golf Tournament Coordinator. After 10 years at Boca West, I decided I was ready for a change and a little more normal of a work schedule and found myself as the Public Relations/Marketing Coordinator for Boca Grove Golf & Tennis Club. During my 5 years at Boca Grove I ended up in a

variety of positions, including going back to my golf roots and being the Tournament Director and Retail Buyer for a short time and then finished out as the Executive Administrator and Property Manager.

What has been your favorite part about working for the Y?

I have so many favorite parts so far in my short time at the Y, so I will give a few. In my position in the Development Department, I love what we do to give back to the community through financial assistance and events to make sure everyone is included in our programs, no matter who they are. As a mom, I love the family aspect that comes with being a part of the Y.

Who inspires you?

My mom. My mom is a retired Lutheran school teacher and a recent ovarian cancer survivor. She taught me how to live in faith, show patience at all times and give without expecting anything in return. She is always there for our family no matter what. I strive to be like her every day as a mother, wife, and community member.

Where is your favorite place in the world?

Anywhere that includes my husband and 2 daughters. No matter where I am, as long as they are there it is my favorite place to be.

You and a friend are invited to join us at the Boca or Boynton Y for our Annual Giving Campaign Kick-off Party!

October 7, 2021 at 6pm

Be A Game Changer

START FINISH

DeVos-Blum Family YMCA
9600 S Military Trail
Boynton Beach, FL 33436

RSVP to Myra by Sept 30 at
mcpupid@ymcaspbc.org

Ohana Luau party

Peter Blum Family YMCA
6631 Palmetto Circle S
Boca Raton, FL 33433

RSVP to Brianna by Sept 30 at
bsilva@ymcaspbc.org



SAVE THE DATE!

The YMCA of South Palm Beach County will host its **20th Annual Inspiration Breakfast** on March 2, 2022 with Basketball legend, **Bill Walton** as our keynote speaker.

Bill Walton is best known for his success on the court as the nation's top college basketball star at UCLA and playing for two NBA Championship teams – the Portland Trail Blazers and Boston Celtics. Walton was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in the 90's and was named to the "50 Greatest NBA Players of All-Time" list.

Chaired for the third year in a row by Boca YMCA Board member, Alex Price, this signature event helps change lives as proceeds benefit our Y's Youth Programs.

Visit [YMCASPBC.ORG/INSPIRATIONBREAKFAST](https://www.ymcaspbc.org/inspirationbreakfast) to secure a Community Partner Table, Sponsorship Opportunities and for more information.

Thank you to the generous support from our Grants and Sponsors*

- The Batchelor Foundation
- Caridad Center
- Community Foundation for Palm Beach & Martin Counties:
 - Bailey Stein Fund
 - John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
- Edward T. Bedford Foundation
- Honda Classic Cares
- Lattner Foundation
- Town of Palm Beach United Way

*June 1 - September 1, 2021



A big THANK YOU to Jonathan Winson

for supporting Chase's Place with his recent financial contributions and donation of electronic equipment, including an amazing 86" TV, sound bar and speaker. Mr. Winson's generous donations have been made in memory of Roslyn Winson and in honor of Craig Donoff. Chase's Place is our YMCA's program for special needs children and families.

What is your Y Story?



Has the YMCA made an impact on your life or someone in your family or friend's life? Did you grow up at a Y? Did you meet your best friend at the Y? We want to hear from YOU!

To share your Y Story, please contact Director of Marketing, Tracy Sussman for more information:
tsussman@ymcaspbc.org
or 561-237-0974

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

October 7, 2021

Annual Giving Campaign Kick-off
with Impact Tour Opportunity at Boynton and Boca Y.

October 2021

Halloween at the Y
October 22 (Boynton Y) & 23 (Boca Y).
[YMCASPBC.ORG/HALLOWEEN](https://www.ymcaspbc.org/halloween)

October 26, 2021

Planned Giving Lunch & Learn
At the Boynton Y at 12pm. Lunch provided - limited space. RSVP to Heather: hdupree@ymcaspbc.org

Fall 2021

Planned Giving Webinar for Women
Date TBD

November 18, 2021

Annual Giving Campaign Victory Celebration
6pm at FAU Acura Club

December 2021

Visit with Santa
December 5 (Boynton Y) & December 12 (Boca Y).

December 11, 2021

Boca West Children's Foundation

"Walk the Walk" at the Palm Beach Marathon. Join our YMCA's team:
[victorysportsmtg.com/walkthewalkbw](https://www.victorysportsmtg.com/walkthewalkbw)



December 20-23, 2021

Drowning Doesn't have a Season

Free Swim Lessons for non-swimming youth in our community - sponsored by the Piedt Family Swim Scholarship.

Visit our website for the latest updates on YMCA events and activities:

[YMCASPBC.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.ymcaspbc.org/events)