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## **YMCA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – History Remembered Event**

On September 28, 2021, the YMCA of South Palm Beach County hosted a reception at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum in Boca Raton to celebrate its history as it approaches 50 years as an organization. The evening was filled with memories shared by long-time Y supporters, former board members and friends in the community.

President & CEO of the YMCA of South Palm Beach County from 2006-2016, Richard Pollock, hosted the event alongside current President & CEO, Jason Hagensick, and kept the evening moving with stories of the Y throughout the decades.

Guest speakers included YMCA Volunteer Leaders from the past, including Dick Simmons, who after 35 years was able to publically praise and thank Lin Hurley, who was also in attendance, for helping develop the special needs program at the Y back in 1980.

Also present was the first female CEO of the YMCA of Boca Raton, Carol Seewald Clinton, who shared a variety of memories from her tenure (1980-1989).

Although not in attendance, Peter Blum, one of the Boca Y's founding members, made an appearance via video, sharing his Y memories and joyfully sang a YMCA camp song that he had learned more than 80 years ago.

Please see [WeTransfer link](#) for post-event photos for your use in upcoming coverage. Photos taken by Carlos Aristizabal. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

### **About the YMCA**

Driven by its founding mission, the YMCA has served as a leading nonprofit organization committed to strengthening community for more than 175 years. The Y empowers everyone, no matter who they are or where they are from, by ensuring access to resources, relationships and opportunities for all to learn, grow and thrive. The YMCA of South Palm Beach County serves as a community anchor in Palm Beach County by enriching lives and strengthening community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The YMCA of South Palm Beach County is comprised of The Peter Blum Family YMCA of Boca Raton, The DeVos-Blum Family YMCA of Boynton Beach, THE LAB: YMCA Leadership Academy, and the YMCA@901 NCCI. For more information, please visit [YMCASPBC.org](http://YMCASPBC.org).