



Our Halloween at the Boca & Boynton Y event was SPOOKTACULAR! A BIG shout out to Publix Super Markets Charities for generously sponsoring this event year after year, and thank you to West Boca Medical Center for being a sponsor participant and donating adorable treat bags!



Five-time Olympian Dara Torres was a special guest at the Boca Y's Swim Meet. She was on site all afternoon cheering on swim participants and providing motivation and inspirational advice!



It was a night of inspirational Y stories as we kicked off our Annual Giving Campaign at both of our branches! Boynton Y campaigners enjoyed a fun "Game Changer" themed party, while Boca Y campaigners celebrated Luau-style with an "Ohana means Family" themed event.



A great time was had by all at our "Raise Your Glass" event at the DeVos-Blum Family YMCA, which raised \$3,500 for the Annual Giving Campaign! Thank you to all of our event sponsors!



Our Shoot for a Change Free Throw event was a SLAM DUNK, raising \$10k for our Annual Giving Campaign! A HUGE shout out to The Nathanson Brothers Team for coordinating this event, and to all donors and sponsors who helped make this a big success!



Myrna Gordon Skurnick was recognized at our Y's "Mix, Mingle & Major Gifts" event hosted at THE LAB Teen Center for her generosity in creating the "Myrna Gordon Skurnick Creative Arts Initiative" which is to support art-based programs for Teens.



Our Y's Annual Giving Campaign Victory celebration was held at FAU Stadium, where it was revealed over \$904,000 was our grand total raised! Big thanks to our Event Supporter Sponsor, Grimes Events & Party Tents!



The Boca Y hosted an end of session gathering for Enhance Fitness participants. This Community Health program is an evidence-based exercise class for anyone who has arthritis or is at risk of falls and was generously sponsored by West Boca Medical Center.



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OUR Y CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF IMPACT

In 1969 a group of community leaders led by David and Betty Jo Ashe shared a dream of building a YMCA in Boca Raton.

They raised \$30k to start the program and in 1970 Texaco Oil Company donated 15 acres of land in Boca Del Mar.

In 1971 a capital campaign led by Peter Blum raised over \$500k for construction and in 1972 the YMCA of Boca Raton was incorporated and our Y began.

In 2000 the YMCA of Boca Raton became the YMCA

of South Palm Beach County, and the DeVos-Blum Family YMCA in Boynton and the YMCA @901 NCCI Holdings, Inc. were opened.

And now, 50 years later we are planning an exciting year full of events to celebrate, including an **Anniversary Gala at The Boca Raton on December 3, 2022.**

For information about how you can be a part of our 50th Anniversary Year Celebration, visit YMCASPBC.org/50years.

HISTORY REMEMBERED AT THE WICK

This fall, 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 publicly 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.



BE A PART OF OUR HISTORY



In honor of celebrating our YMCA's 50th Anniversary, we invite you to join our 1972 Champions Circle.

Members of the 1972 Champions Circle will sign up to add \$19.72 to their membership at the end of each month for the year of 2022. By joining the 1972 Champions Circle you are supporting the Y as it celebrates this significant milestone year, and providing programs for those in need in our community.

This special group of Champion Circle members will be recognized as a sponsor of the 50th Anniversary Gala throughout the year.

To join the Champion Circle of supporters, please visit YMCASPBC.ORG/50years or contact our Coordinator of Special Events and Projects, Heather Dupree at 561-237-0965.

IMPORTANT DATES IN 2022

January 23

YBike Family Ride

Families join us for a bike ride in Okeehelée Park at 11am. All ages welcome!

February 10

VIP Preview Party

Inspiration Breakfast VIP Preview Party at FAU Fogelman Sports Museum at 6pm.

February 16

Heritage Club Reception

4th Annual Heritage Club Reception hosted at Delray Dunes at 6pm.

March 2

Inspiration Breakfast

20th Annual Inspiration Breakfast at the Peter Blum Family YMCA. Doors open at 7:30am.

March 12

Chamber of Commerce Cookout

Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce Cookout at the Peter Blum Family YMCA.

April 9

Healthy Kids Day

Healthy Kids Day at the Boca and Boynton YMCAs.

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MEET OUR BOYNTON STAFF

Julio Caesar Fuentes
Aquatics Director
 DeVos-Blum Family YMCA

How long have you been with the Y?
 4 months.

What did you do before working at the Y?
 I was the aquatics center manager at St. Andrews country club for 6 years.

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

Transferring my knowledge, experience and love for the sport of swimming to the YMCA kids, coaching them and seeing their progress and eagerness to learn and get better at every practice.

Who inspires you?

My Dad is my role model and inspiration as an athlete and coach for so many years teaching swimming lessons and coaching his

own swim team. Taking me to the professional level of my swimming career. Teaching me with hard work and dedication you can achieve anything you want in life.

Where is your favorite place in the world?

The beach is my place to go, I love swimming on the ocean, surfing and playing with my kids teaching them how important the marine life is and keeping our planet healthy.

YMCA SURPASSES GOAL TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY NEEDS

In November, our YMCA celebrated the end of our Annual Giving Campaign with a Victory celebration held in the Delray Acura Club at FAU Stadium in Boca Raton. **Proudly we surpassed our fundraising goal and raised over \$904,000!**

A HUGE thank you to all of our Donors, Sponsors and supporters who helped us exceed our goal! Because of you our Y will be able to continue helping youth and families in need within our community!



Special thanks to our 2021 Annual Giving Campaign Leadership Team:

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Save the Date!

Our YMCA's 20th Annual Inspiration Breakfast is a signature event with an audience of community leaders, businesses, and YMCA supporters providing a morning of motivational and inspirational fellowship. Proceeds from the event support financial assistance scholarships for youth development programs in our community.

This milestone year event will be held outdoors at the Peter Blum Family YMCA.

For information about sponsorships, visit
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