



Chaired by Peter Blum Family YMCA Board Member, Alex Price, our Y's 20th Annual Inspiration Breakfast with the sensational Bill Walton was a HUGE success. This event raised a record-breaking \$375,635 for the Y's Financial Assistance scholarships for youth programs.



Boynton Y members enjoyed a family bike ride together through Okeetee Park. Learn about our YBIKE program: [YMCASPBC.ORG/YBIKE](http://YMCASPBC.ORG/YBIKE)



Sun Capital Partners generously donated \$75k to our YMCA in support of our Middle School Initiative program. These funds will be used to provide teens access to leadership and creative arts programs.



Nearly 200 teens from 13 different Florida Y Leader's Clubs participated in the 2022 Spring Teen Rally held at the Boca Y. BIG thanks to PBSO and Wells Fargo for sponsoring this event!



Heritage Club members were recognized at the Y's annual Heritage Club Reception generously sponsored by Mary & Peter Blum at the Delray Dunes Golf & Country Club. Patty & Randy Nobles were honored with the 2022 Peter Blum Legacy Award for their dedication in supporting the Y. [YMCASPBC.ORG/PLANNEDGIVING](http://YMCASPBC.ORG/PLANNEDGIVING)



Head Coach at FAU, Willie Taggart was the inspirational keynote at this year's VIP Preview Party Reception sponsored by ADT and held at the remarkable Avron B. Fogelman Sports Museum at the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic & Athletic Excellence at FAU.



# The Y TIMES

## Spring 2022

### PASSING THE GAVEL .....



**Jackie Reeves,**  
CVO for the YMCA South Palm Beach County

As of January 2022, our YMCA of South Palm Beach County's governing board, the Board of Trustees, initiated its bi-annual change of leadership with Chief Volunteer Officer, Bob Robes passing the gavel to incoming CVO, Jackie Reeves. We sat down with Jackie and asked her a few questions regarding her volunteering experience thus far with the YMCA and plans as incoming CVO.

#### Why did you initially start volunteering with the Y?

The Y holds a special place in my heart as I was trained as a lifeguard, my first official job outside of the family business, at the YMCA on Long Island, NY. Re-engaging with the YMCA of South Palm Beach County involved a confluence of community involvement. I learned more about the Y's programs while attending Leadership Boca through the Boca Chamber which led to my daughters becoming fully immersed in the Teen Leadership program at the Boca Y over time.

#### What do you enjoy most as a volunteer?

Being a volunteer with the Y is rewarding. The mission of the Y is aligned with my core values and the Y's community impact is significant. Over the last 50

years, our YMCA has truly made a lasting impact in South Palm Beach County. Annually, our YMCA serves 70,000 people and distributes over \$1.5 million in financial assistance to those in need. The Y works to ensure that everyone be able to develop a healthy mind, body, and spirit. That means everyone, all ages, races, and faith, regardless of the ability to pay.

While mission and values can align with many organizations, another driving enjoyment is the people. The staff and the volunteers are incredible, and it is a true joy to work together to drive results and make a lasting impact throughout our community.

#### What are you looking forward to most as CVO and/or what are your plans as CVO?

It is the BIG 50 this year! As CVO, I am looking forward to building on the legacy of the leaders who have served as CVO for the past 49 years. We are at capacity in many of our services and programs, and still more in the community want to join. I strive to elevate the awareness of the Y throughout our community. We need to grow and build to continue to serve the needs of our community.

### SUPPORTING CREATIVE ARTS AT THE LAB TEEN CENTER .....

The YMCA of South Palm Beach County recently received a pledge from Myrna Skurnick that will create the "Myrna Gordon Skurnick Creative Arts Initiative," supporting art-based programs for teens such as film production, performing arts, digital filmmaking and more.

"We are extremely grateful for Mrs. Skurnick gift," said Jason Hagensick, President and CEO of the YMCA of South Palm Beach County. "Through her generosity, our YMCA will be able

to expand programming that allows us to reach more teens in our community."

THE LAB provides opportunities for local teens to realize who they are and what they are capable of achieving, as well as the chance to express themselves creatively and learn how to share their voice amongst their peers.

For more information, visit [YMCASPBC.ORG/THELAB](http://YMCASPBC.ORG/THELAB).



### IMPORTANT DATES IN 2022

**April 9**

#### Healthy Kids Day

Sponsored by Florida Blue, this family event is hosted at the Boca & Boynton Y's. [YMCASPBC.ORG/HEALTHYKIDS](http://YMCASPBC.ORG/HEALTHYKIDS)

**April 28**

#### Triangle Society

Triangle Society Members will enjoy a lovely reception sponsored by Lawless, Edwards & Warren at the Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club from 5:30p-7:30p.

**April 30**

#### Baila Conmigo

Presented by LaBovick Abogados, Baila Conmigo will be held outdoors from 2p-6p at the Boca Y. [YMCASPBC.ORG/BAILACONMIGO](http://YMCASPBC.ORG/BAILACONMIGO)

**May 6**

#### 23rd Annual Golf Classic

Tee off at our Annual Golf Classic sponsored by Plastring Insurance at the beautiful Indian Spring Country Club. [YMCASPBC.ORG/GOLFLCLASSIC](http://YMCASPBC.ORG/GOLFLCLASSIC)

**May 7**

#### THE LAB Anniversary Celebration

THE LAB Teen Center turns ONE YEAR OLD! Join us for the big celebration from 11a-1p. [YMCASPBC.ORG/THELAB](http://YMCASPBC.ORG/THELAB)

**May 16-20**

#### Safety Around the Water

Sponsored by West Boca Medical Center, the Y's annual week of free swim lessons is for non-swimming youth in our community.

**May 31- June 3**

#### Drowning Doesn't Have a Season

Due to generous funding from the Piedt Family Swim Scholarship, the Boca Y hosts free swim lessons to youth 5/31-6/3.

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

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## MEET OUR BOCA STAFF

**Joshua Sosa**  
Sports Coordinator  
Peter Blum Family YMCA

How long have you been with the Y?  
Since September 2021.

What did you do before working at the Y?  
I was a student at FAU completing an accounting internship.

What has been your favorite part about working for the Y?  
The overall community and comradery.

Who inspires you?  
I have a number of different people who inspire me for different things, but my parents have to be who inspire me to always push to do better.

Where is your favorite place in the world?  
Venice, Italy.



## A GIFT WITH IMPACT



Looking to give a meaningful gift on a special occasion? The YMCA of South Palm Beach County provides a thoughtful way to celebrate a loved one! You can give a gift to the Y to commemorate any occasion

including birthdays, anniversaries, milestones or special events. Gifts can either be left unrestricted or may be designated to a specific program or cause the Y serves.

Simply visit [www.ymcaspb.org/plannedgiving](http://www.ymcaspb.org/plannedgiving)

If you have questions about planned giving, please contact **Heather Dupree** at 561-237-0965.

## LIVESTRONG AT THE Y

LIVESTRONG at the YMCA is an evidence-based program that helps adult cancer survivors reclaim their health and well-being following a cancer diagnosis. Participating YMCAs create a welcoming community in which survivors can improve their strength and physical fitness, diminish the severity of therapy side effects, develop supportive relationships, and improve their quality of life. Since 2007, the LIVESTRONG Foundation has been the YMCA's partner in developing and delivering LIVESTRONG at the YMCA.

The small group creates a supportive environment for participants to improve their cardiovascular conditioning, strength training, balance and flexibility. Thanks to the generosity of Community Care Plan, our current LiveSTRONG class is offered at no cost to participants.

Contact our **Director of Community Health** to learn more about LiveSTRONG classes: **Robin Nierman**, [rnierman@ymcaspb.org](mailto:rnierman@ymcaspb.org).

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