



**JACKIE KALEEL**  
Boynton YMCA Board Member

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*Photo by LuAnn Warner-Prokos*

# WHERE IN THE Y...?

The Kaleel family has been involved with the YMCA for more than 26 years. Ken, who was introduced to the Y by its former President and CEO, Neal Allen, was approached back in 1996 to help develop a YMCA in the Boynton Beach area. The rest is history.

“I have been involved in every aspect of the YMCA – volunteering on board committees, raising money, chairing events, building the Champions Ball, Prayer Breakfast, Golf tournaments, Healthy Kids Day,” states Ken. “My wife, Rema has also chaired events

and even taught Pilates at the Y for a period of time.”

Jackie, who grew up going to summer camp at the Y and volunteering at events, has been a member of the DeVos-Blum Family YMCA of Boynton board for more than 3 years. “Both of my parents were very involved in the Y, so I had the opportunity to support my community at a young age,” explains Jackie.

The Kaleels describe themselves as being deeply committed to the YMCA. “The Y fulfills a desperate need in the community. It also brings the community together as a family. Some of our closest family friends were formed as a result of our involvement in the Y.”

When asked to describe what the Y means to them: “The Y is about relationships – the staff, volunteers and members all give their efforts and resources to help others, which makes for a better community for all of us.”

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