

Making Waves

Local YMCA program honored for empowering young swimmers

The YMCA of South Palm Beach County is getting a national nod for its water safety efforts.

The Y's "Safety Around the Water" program is awarded a grant by the USA Swimming Foundation, to bolster its continued efforts to provide free or reduced-cost swim lessons.

"Thank you to USA Swimming for helping make swim lessons a possibility to those with the greatest need in our community," said associate director of water safety Libby Moon.

This year, the USA Swimming Foundation awarded a total of \$780,000 in its initial round of funding to programs across the country.

The South Palm Beach County YMCA's "Safety Around Water" program is offered year-round to qualified groups at no cost. The program is geared to ages 3-17 and is offered at YMCA branches or in pre-approved sites throughout Palm Beach County.

"The USA Swimming Foundation is proud to continue providing Learn-to-Swim opportunities at the local level for both adults and youth," said USA Swimming Foundation Executive Director Elaine Calip. "With the excitement surrounding U.S. Olympic team trials and the Olympic Games, we anticipate an increased interest in our sport. We are thrilled to continue our partnership with lesson providers nationwide to keep kids and adults safe in and around the water." ■



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