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YMCA AWARDED \$30K GRANT TO SUPPORT CARIDAD YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

Boynton Beach, FL (3/20/25) – The YMCA of South Palm Beach County is proud to announce it has been awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin Counties to continue offering Summer Camp programs for Caridad Center youth. For 20 years, the Y has been the sole provider of free summer programming for at-risk children and teens referred by the Caridad Center, ensuring access to enriching summer experiences at no cost.

Serving children ages 5-11 and teens ages 12-15 who reside in Palm Beach County, all participants are referred by the Caridad Center, which verifies eligibility. The majority of participants come from migrant and working-poor families, with incomes at or below the poverty level.

“Since 2005, this program has been a critical resource for families facing economic and social challenges,” said Barry Davis, Executive Director at the DeVos-Blum Family YMCA. “This grant ensures that children who need it most can enjoy a safe, enriching summer camp experience that fosters learning, friendship, and fun.”

Without access to free summer camp, many families are left with difficult choices, such as leaving children home alone, bringing them to work in the fields, or sacrificing much-needed income. The Caridad Kids Summer Camp alleviates this burden by providing a safe and supportive environment where children can grow, learn, and thrive during the summer months.

Thanks to this generous grant, the Y will continue to make a meaningful impact in the lives of local youth and their families. For more information about the YMCA’s Summer Camp programs, visit: www.ymcaspbcc.org/summercamp

About the YMCA

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 and the YMCA@901 NCCI. For more information, please visit YMCASPBC.org.