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\$20,000 DONATION EXPANDS YMCA TEEN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERSERVED YOUTH

Boca Raton, FL (4/16/25) –The YMCA of South Palm Beach County has received a generous \$20,000 donation from Maurice and Margie Plough and the M.B. & Edna Zale Foundation to support at-risk teens from low to moderate-income households. This critical funding will provide full and partial financial scholarships, giving teens access to YMCA memberships and programs that promote academic success, leadership, and personal growth.

Each year, the Y serves over 1,800 teens through THE LAB: YMCA Leadership Academy at the Peter Blum Family YMCA—an inclusive space for leadership training, college and career readiness, and social-emotional development. Programs include summer camp, afterschool enrichment, robotics, art, sports, and more.

“With today’s teens facing rising challenges like mental health issues and academic pressure, support like this ensures no teen is left behind due to financial barriers,” said Bryan Hunt, Executive Director of the Peter Blum Family YMCA.

Participation in YMCA teen programs is proven to enhance academic performance, social-emotional well-being, and leadership development. The Y tracks and evaluates outcomes through GPA, graduation rates, volunteer hours, and teen feedback—proving that out-of-school programs improve health, performance, and future readiness.

For more information on YMCA teen programs, visit ymcaspbc.org/teens.

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.