



BUILDING POSSIBILITIES

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE
YMCA OF SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY

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YMCA OF SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY RAISES OVER \$1M TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY

The YMCA of South Palm Beach County has more to celebrate than a new year. Our 2025 Annual Giving Campaign surpassed its goal, raising nearly \$1.3 million to support access and opportunity across our community.

Funds raised through the campaign directly benefit the Y's Financial Assistance Program, helping ensure individuals and families can participate in programs regardless of financial barriers. From after-school care and youth sports to wellness programs and community events, these contributions make it possible for people of all ages to learn, grow, and thrive in a welcoming environment.

The success of the campaign was led by 2025 Annual Giving Campaign Chair, Nicole Grimes, whose passion and commitment played a key role in driving community support and momentum.

"Our Y touches lives in so many meaningful ways and raising over \$1M reinforces the impact we create every day," said Shea Ciarletta, Vice President of Development for the YMCA of South

Palm Beach County.

As the Y looks ahead, the momentum continues. With the Building Possibilities Campaign underway, the organization is positioned for continued growth and expanded impact as it moves into 2026.

To learn more about supporting the YMCA of South Palm Beach County, visit www.ymcaspb.org/agc.



BUILDING POSSIBILITIES FOR OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS: Capital Campaign For Preschool Expansion

Our YMCA is pleased to share that construction has officially begun on an important expansion of the Preschool program at the Peter Blum Family YMCA. This milestone marks a significant step forward in strengthening early learning opportunities for

families across our community.

As part of the YMCA of South Palm Beach County's **Building Possibilities Capital Campaign**, this renovation will enable the Boca YMCA to serve approximately 34 additional preschool

children. Once complete, the expanded program will support more than 150 children in total, helping address the growing demand for high-quality, affordable early childhood education for working families.

This investment reflects the YMCA's ongoing commitment to nurturing strong beginnings through enriching early learning experiences, supporting parents as they balance work and family life, and laying a foundation for lifelong academic and social success for our youngest learners.

We look forward to sharing progress updates as this important project moves forward and begins to create lasting impact for years to come.

If you are interested in learning more about our Building Possibilities Capital Campaign, visit: YMCAofSPBC.ORG/Building-Possibilities





MEET OUR VP of DEVELOPMENT

Shea Ciarletta

Vice President of Development

What drew you to the YMCA of SPBC, and what about its mission resonates most with you? I think what drew me to the YMCA was its incredible reach within the community. At first glance, you might think of the Y as a gym, a place for youth sports, or a community center – and yes, it is all those things. But it's so much more. It's a place where preschoolers learn to read and write, where individuals with special needs feel welcome and thrive through programs like Chase's Place. It's a safe space for students after school when parents are working, and a place where teens discover leadership skills that will shape their future. The Y truly is for everyone – every age, every background. There is something here for all.

What excites you most about building relationships with donors and partners in our community? My fundraising philosophy has always been donor centric. It begins with building genuine relationships. People often say asking for money is hard, but the truth is, people give to causes they care about. Supporters aren't just names on a list – they're individuals with passions and values. What excites me most about this donor centric approach is learning what motivates them and what makes them feel good about their impact. I love connecting with people and discovering what inspires them to make a difference.

What do you see as the biggest opportunity for growth or impact at the Y over the next few years? I think our biggest opportunity for growth is our Building Possibilities campaign, which we are in the middle of right now. We've outgrown our existing facilities, and expanding our space is essential to meet the demand. Our Building Possibilities campaign is focused on bringing new facility enhancements, redesigned spaces, and upgrades to our YMCAs. This will allow us to host more students in preschool, retain more of our current members with new wellness options, and build more programs into our mission that creates more opportunities to impact the community. It is time to grow, I have very high hopes for our future.

What do you see as the most important role philanthropy plays in strengthening our Y and the communities we serve?

I believe philanthropy drives our community, but even more important than philanthropy is service. Service is the backbone of who we are. In South Palm Beach County, we are fortunate to have people who give not only financially, but also through their time and talents. Born and raised in Boca Raton, I've seen firsthand how our community thrives on a service mentality.

We have a vibrant nonprofit sector supported by the generosity of business and community leaders. Service is, in my view, the most important lesson and the greatest characteristic we can embody – because the more we serve others, the more we grow as individuals and as a community.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER: Celebrating 25 Years of YMCA Impact

In December, the DeVos-Blum Family YMCA hosted its Evening of Enchantment, presented by Baptist Health, marking 25 years of impact in the Boynton Beach community. The milestone celebration brought together donors, members, partners, and community leaders for an evening reflecting on the Y's legacy and looking ahead to its future.

Led by our 25th Event Chair, Amanda Perna, and an exceptional committee, the event brought together more than 350 attendees to celebrate the history of the DeVos-Blum Family YMCA and its meaningful, lasting impact on individuals and families throughout our community.



The evening was made possible through the partnership of dedicated sponsors whose support continues to ensure meaningful opportunities and access to Y programs



throughout the community.

A highlight of the night was the announcement of a \$250,000 gift to the **Building Possibilities Capital Campaign** from Cathy and Abdol Moabery to fund the Boynton Y's new playground and splash pad initiative. This investment will create a safe, engaging space designed to serve children and families for generations to come.

The Evening of Enchantment served as a powerful reminder of what 25 years of community support has made possible and the impact that lies ahead.

2025 Annual Giving Campaign Triangle Society Donors*

The Y's Triangle Society recognizes individuals, organizations and businesses who are committed to supporting the Y's mission to help South Palm Beach County individuals and families in need.

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Halloween at the Y and Breakfast with Santa

Our 2025 Halloween Trunk or Treat at the Y and Breakfast with Santa events were full of festive cheer! A big THANK YOU to Publix Super Markets Charities for generously sponsoring these events for our Boynton and Boca Ys!



Corporate Cup Challenge

Our 2025 Corporate Cup Challenge, presented by JM Family Enterprises, welcomed fierce competitors from 22 teams! This event raised over \$75,000 for our Y's financial assistance program. Thank you to all participating teams and sponsors for making this an incredible day, and BIG congrats to 1st place winners, NCCI Holdings – Red Team!



SAVE THE DATE!

24TH ANNUAL
YMCA OF SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY

INSPIRATION BREAKFAST

February 25, 2026 at 7:30AM

Featuring Keynote Speaker

John O'Leary

Burn survivor and the true story
behind the feature film *Soul on Fire*.

Event Chair – Linda Paton

See Him LIVE at the Peter Blum Family YMCA



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UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament

Presented by LaCroix. February 7, 2026 at the DeVos-Blum Family YMCA. 11am registration time

[YMCASPBC.ORG/CORNHOLE](https://ymcaspbc.org/cornhole)

Baila Conmigo

Chaired by Fernanda Macedo, this celebration of Latin culture will be hosted at the Peter Blum Family YMCA on May 2, 2026 from 4p-8p.

[YMCASPBC.ORG/BAILACONMIGO](https://ymcaspbc.org/bailaconmigo)

Healthy Kids Day

April 11, 2026 at the Peter Blum Family YMCA & DeVos-Blum Family YMCA, 10a-1p

[YMCASPBC.ORG/HEALTHYKIDS](https://ymcaspbc.org/healthykids)

26th Annual Golf Tournament

On May 8 2026, the Golf Classic will be hosted at Indian Spring Country Club, sponsored by Plastridge Insurance Agency.

[YMCASPBC.ORG/GOLFLCLASSIC](https://ymcaspbc.org/golfclassic)

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