



## Investing in our community through the YMCA

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### **You're long-time residents of South Palm Beach County. How have you seen its civic needs change?**

As long-time residents, we have witnessed a significant population boom and a rising cost of living. There is now a greater need for accessible, high-quality services such as affordable preschool, drowning prevention, youth sports, and senior programming. The YMCA meets these needs through community outreach and advocacy, and we consider it a privilege to support this mission.

### **Strong communities support the less fortunate. What causes do you personally find most compelling and why?**

Having both benefited from YMCA services growing up, we are passionate about youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. The Y strengthens individuals and families, which in turn strengthens the entire community. We see immense value in this collective growth as we coexist with our neighbors every day.

### **You've donated to the YMCA. What was the focus of your investment and why did you pick the Y as a vehicle for that gift?**

Being part of the founding of the Boynton Beach YMCA, working alongside other leaders to build the current facility, our financial investment focused on constructing a safe, state-of-the-art environment to serve all members. We see the rewards of that investment every time we visit. Annually, we support the Y mission through the children's camp programs and after school programs which provide a healthy foundation for children's physical and social development.

### **How would you describe the YMCA's community role to someone who's just moved into the area?**

The YMCA of South Palm Beach County (Boca Raton and Boynton Beach YMCA) is a non-profit organization that serves as our central community hub. It offers affordable fitness, childcare, and social programs for all ages under one roof. With financial assistance available to those in need, it is a smart investment for personal wellness and for making a direct impact on the community. We are very happy to be a part of it.

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