



Investing in our community through the YMCA

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You're a newer resident of South Palm Beach County. What observations have you made since relocating – particularly regarding the community's civic needs?

I moved to Boca Raton in January 2025, so I am new to the community. What has struck me most is that there is real need here, often in ways that are not immediately visible, and also a very strong philanthropic community ready to respond. Boca has a generous civic spirit, with people who show up, get involved, and support organizations that make a meaningful difference.

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

I'm passionate about causes that help people during vulnerable moments and help create opportunities for the future. I am especially drawn to organizations serving people and families affected by mental health challenges and addiction. This is personal to me. I have seen friends and family members struggle, and I know how important it is to reduce stigma, expand access, and create supportive communities. I am also deeply committed to education, STEM, mentoring, and scholarship programs because they open doors for young people and help build stronger futures.

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?

NCCI has proudly supported the YMCA for over 20 years through financial contributions, Board service, and volunteer hours. I'm grateful to be able to continue that tradition of giving back with an organization that makes our community stronger. What I appreciate about the Y is that it reaches people in practical and meaningful ways. When you invest in the Y, you're investing in a place that brings people together, expands opportunity, and creates a lasting impact in the community.

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

The YMCA is an example of community in action. Its role extends beyond a fitness facility – it is a gathering space, a support system, and a place where people genuinely care. The YMCA fills a unique role in our community, and for someone new to the area, the Y offers an immediate sense of connection.

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