



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?

Back in 1992, South Palm Beach County's growth was steady, manageable and its civic needs were predictable. About a decade ago, growth accelerated, placing greater strain on infrastructure and services. The pandemic dramatically intensified these trends, driving rapid in-migration, housing pressure, and increased demand on public systems. Civic needs are now more complex, requiring proactive, data-driven planning and stronger coordination to remain sustainable.

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

We believe strong communities are defined by how well they support those with the least margin for error. We're drawn to causes that address structural gaps, especially education and youth development that level the playing field early and deliver measurable, long-term impact. We value locally rooted, outcome-driven organizations that prioritize lives changed over dollars raised. The Y exemplifies that commitment through accountability, dignity, and lasting community investment.

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?

This was not a donation. It was an investment. Cathy and I chose the Y for its measurable, scalable impact at the intersection of youth development, family stability, and community health. The Y delivers quantifiable outcomes through education, childcare, and preventative health programs, while remaining deeply embedded locally. Its accountability, operational rigor, and focus on lives changed rather than dollars raised make it a durable vehicle for strengthening the community.

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

The Y is a core operating institution, not a peripheral nonprofit. It stabilizes the community by providing childcare, youth programs, wellness, and preventative health services that support families, workforce participation, and public health. The Y is also one of the few truly inclusive spaces, connecting people across income levels and backgrounds through means-tested access. For newcomers, it's where community becomes functional and preventative, not reactive.

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