



Peter Blum Family YMCA of Boca Raton
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**Peter Blum Family YMCA of Boca Raton
Announces "Light Up the New Y" Grand Re-Opening
Public Invited Free on
December 2, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

(Boca Raton, Fla.) – On December 2, 2006, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. the public is invited to attend the free "Light Up the New Y" grand re-opening celebration of the Peter Blum Family YMCA of Boca Raton, located at 6631 Palmetto Circle South in the Boca Del Mar neighborhood north of Palmetto Park and east of Powerline Road.

The doors will open at 10 a.m. when Santa Clause and other local dignitaries arrive on a fire truck. Santa will be available for photos sessions until noon.

Visitors will be free to see the newly renovated and expanded 72,000-square-foot facility and enjoy a variety of activities for people of all ages interested in pursuing healthier lifestyles. Self-guided tours will include the YMCA's second indoor Y pool, which features a giant spiral slide, water bucket fountain and slopped, beach-like entry, the new 7,200-square-foot gymnasium, and the beautiful new fitness and dance studios. Kids also will be able to enjoy a bounce house and make holiday ornaments. Refreshments will be available.

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Throughout the YMCA, program directors will be on hand to answer questions. In the new 7,000-square-foot fitness center, fitness professionals will be available to answer questions and Y therapists will be offering free chair massages just outside the new massage center.

Anyone who becomes a member during the grand reopening event will receive a coupon for three free massage sessions (a value of \$180), as well as the opportunity to purchase three additional sessions for only \$99. New members at the Devos-Blum Family YMCA of Boynton Beach also will enjoy this offer on Saturday, December 2, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

In addition to the new second pool, gymnasium, fitness center and multi-purpose room, the expanded YMCA also features renovated men's and women's locker rooms, a new lobby and executive offices, café area, child watch area, massage rooms, new restrooms and locker rooms located near the gymnasium and pool area, new exercise class studios with hard wood floors, and an expanded and renovated preschool.

"If you haven't visited the new Y yet, you'll be amazed," said Neal Allen, CEO of the YMCA of South Palm Beach County. "From babies to seniors, we have programs and classes to fit everyone's recreation and fitness needs and to help every get on the move toward good health.

"We're thrilled to be opening this beautiful new facility for our community and salute our many generous donors for making it possible."

In the spirit of the *Light Up the Y* celebration, the YMCA also will be an official drop off site for the *Spirit of Giving* holiday toy drive. Ornaments with the "wish lists" of individual children will be displayed on the *Spirit of Giving* tree at Boca Town Center. The items purchased for those children and the ornaments can be dropped off at the YMCA, where participants will receive a free gift from the Y.

As part of the nation's largest community service organization, the YMCA of South Palm Beach County serves more than 50,000 community residents annually. Through its locations in Boca Raton and Boynton Beach, the YMCA offers an expansive menu of on-site and outreach programs that help the entire family enjoy healthier, more active lifestyles.

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Activities include sports programs, summer camps, preschool, after school programs, a variety of exercise classes, senior wellness programs, water and land aerobics, yoga and pilates, and a state-of-the-art workout facility featuring the computerized Fitness Advisor virtual workout partner, among many more offerings.

The YMCA serves all people, including those unable to pay fees. Financial assistance is awarded to more than 1,200 families each year through the Partners with Youth Scholarship Program. Membership fees, grants and contributions from individuals and corporations fund its \$9 million annual budget.

For more information about the YMCA, call the Boca facility at (561) 395-9622 or the Boynton Beach branch at (561) 738-9622 or visit www.ymcaspbc.org. For information on how to support the Partners with Youth program or other YMCA programs, call Vicki Pugh at (561) 237-0929.

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