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of  
South Palm Beach County**  
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**NEW FAMILY FUN AND FITNESS POOL NOW OPEN AT  
PETER BLUM FAMILY YMCA OF BOCA RATON  
*PUBLIC INVITED TO TOUR NEW FACILITY ON JUNE 3***

(Boca Raton, Fla.) – A second 75-foot pool, designed for family fun and senior fitness, is now open at the Peter Blum Family YMCA, located at 6631 Palmetto Circle South. Opening on the heels of the new 7,000-square-foot fitness center, which members began using in early May, the new pool has many unique features that enhance water play, early swimming instruction and aquatic fitness therapy. It will be open for public tours at *Y-Mania* on June 3, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The free event will showcase all of the new area of the expanded YMCA. Visitors will enjoy fitness demonstrations, prizes, games and refreshments. Initiation fees will be waived for anyone who joins the YMCA between June 3 and July 31.

Young children and older adults will enjoy the new pool's beach-like entry, which gradually slopes to a 10-foot deep area. The deeper end allows instructors to teach diving. The pool also features a tipping buckets fountain with rain bar and rain jet that continuously dumps and sprays water in the shallow end of the pool, creating a fun play area for the entire family. A giant red water slide is the pool's signature feature. Open at designated hours for anyone over 40-inches tall, the slide has swirling water pouring down it continuously, ensuring a fast ride down.

An 88-degree water temperature provides ideal conditions for seniors participating in water walking and aquatic fitness. The YMCA, together with Bethesda Memorial Hospital's onsite physical therapy center staff, offers aquatic physical therapy as part of rehabilitation from injury or disease.

“With two side-by-side pools, the YMCA now has the ability to offer continuous aquatic programs for the entire family year-round,” said Joann Foster, vice president and managing director of the Peter Blum Family YMCA. “No other facility in our community offers a more extensive aquatics menu.”

The opening of the new pool signals near completion of the new YMCA, adding to the newly opened fitness center and existing 7,200-square-foot gymnasium. The Countess de Hoernle Youth Learning Center also includes the newly renovated and expanded preschool, as well as a large all purpose room, new restrooms and locker rooms located near the gymnasium and pool area. Men’s and women’s locker rooms, massage rooms, a café area and administrative offices remain under construction.

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 two locations, the YMCA offers an expansive menu of on-site and outreach programs that help the entire family enjoy healthier, more active lifestyles. 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 regardless of their ability to pay. Membership fees, grants and contributions from individuals and corporations fund its \$4.4 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](http://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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