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The YTIMES Winter 2020

YMCA ANNOUNCES THE LAB: YMCA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The YMCA of South Palm Beach County hosted their 2020 Annual Giving Campaign wrap-up celebration virtually at an unannounced location, which was later revealed as The LAB: YMCA Leadership Academy.

The Lab is located at the Town Center at Boca Raton right behind Joseph's Classic Market, and is planned to open by January 2021. The Lab will offer year-round leadership development programming for local youth ages 12 to 17, with a focus on preparing them to succeed and serve through civic engagement, college and career readiness, and workforce development.

"The goal of this new space is to provide a safe and interactive space where teens can discover new interests, collaborate with one another, and prepare for the future," states Jason Hagensick, President & CEO of the YMCA of South Palm Beach County.

The Lab will also provide extensive training and volunteer opportunities that support local community programs and services.

Throughout the school year, access to The Lab will be limited to out-of-school hours, but expanded summer-time hours and weekend programming are also being planned.

"This endeavor is the first of its kind in our YMCA's 48-year history," states Hagensick. "Youth leadership engagement is connected to a wide range of positive outcomes, and our Y invites all tweens and teens who demonstrate a desire to learn, lead and serve to join us at The Lab."

Stay tuned for more information: YMCASPBC.ORG/THELAB



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A NOTE OF IMPACT

"The YMCA has truly been a blessing to my family. My child would not have been able to be an active member of the YMCA nor would have received the growth and development opportunities without the financial contribution of the YMCA. I am truly grateful and appreciative."

-Tiquishia, DeVos-Blum Family YMCA member who received financial assistance



MEET OUR STAFF



Beth Reyer

Child Watch Coordinator Peter Blum Family YMCA

Number of years with the YMCA

This November marks 23 years of my service dedicated to The YMCA Boca Raton Branch

What you did before working at the YMCA

I was an account manager for an automated payroll service geared toward the construction industry in the NY/NJ/CT tri-state area.

That led to a job with less travel for a large 500+ construction company in payroll with a specialty in job costing and unions.

What has been your favorite part about working for the YMCA?

The children, definitely the children. Helping them to help themselves to be their best and be successful in life.

What is something most people

don't know about you? I make the best omelettes I have an unbelievable knack for finding lost or misplaced items.

Who inspires you?

It's not who inspires me, but what inspires me. The beauty of nature always lifts me up.

Where is your favorite place in the world?

I'd have to say my favorite place to be in the world right now is home. I feel safe and it is full of love.

Anything else you would like to share about yourself?

I like to keep a positive attitude and to be optimistic each waking day.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

When the Palm Beach County School District decided to start the 2020 school year with distance/virtual learning, many working parents and those actively seeking employment were left wondering how they were going to provide educational instruction to their child(ren). Fortunately, the YMCA stepped up and came to the community's rescue with the L.E.A.P (Learn, Engage, Achieve, Play) program, which offered students their own quiet work space in a Y "classroom" to complete their daily assignments.

Because of the support from our donors and Community Partners such as ADT who donated \$10k to our L.E.A.P. program, our Y was able to provide parents with much needed financial assistance, alleviating stress on families facing this challenge while providing children with a safe and supportive environment to learn and grow.



Hosted by Office DEPOT **19th Annual** YMCA of South Palm Beach County **INSPIRATION BREAKFAST** March 3, 2021 YMCASPBC.ORG/INSPIRATIONBREAKFAST

SAVE THE DATE!

The YMCA of South Palm Beach County will host its 19th Annual Inspiration Breakfast on March 3, 2021 and we are excited to welcome Heisman Trophy Winner, College football analyst and on-air personality **Desmond Howard**, as our keynote speaker.

Chaired for the second year in a row by Boca YMCA Board member, Alex Price, this signature event helps change lives as proceeds benefit families and individuals, providing access to Y programs they could not otherwise afford.

A MEANINGFUL GIFT

Looking to give a meaningful gift to someone special? The YMCA of South Palm Beach County provides a thoughtful way to celebrate a loved one! You can give a gift to the Y to commemorate any occasion including birthdays, anniversaries, milestones or special events. Gifts can either be left unrestricted or may be designated to a specific program or cause the Y serves. Simply visit www.ymcaspbc.org/give



If you have questions about planned giving, please contact our Director of Development, Kimberley Trombly-Burmeister at 561-300-3238.

PLANNED GIVING - SAVE THE DATE: 4th Annual Heritage Club Dinner – February 24, 2021

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*As of November 23, 2020.



DeVos-Blum Family Y campers participated in exciting S.T.E.A.M experiments thanks to generous sponsors such as the Community Foundation, keeping them learning amidst the fun!



Thank you Sklar Furnishing owners, Rick and Pat Howard, and Sales and Marketing Manager, Linda Gunn Paton for their generous % of sale donation to the Y!



Participants of our 20th Annual Golf Classic enjoyed a beautiful day on the Indian Spring Golf course. A big thank you to our presenting sponsor, Plastridge Insurance!



No screen time here! Kids in our Child Watch area are engaged in fun arts and crafts and other activities while parents are working out.



Our Y's 2020 Annual Giving Campaign Chair, Jackie Reeves and Co-Chair, Hank Jackson are also proud members of our Board of Trustees.



"Cinema Celebration Night" at the Y started off with a fun YMCA song to help kick-off our 2020 Annual Giving Campaign!



DiMaggio Children's Hospital for donating fantastic reflector treat bags for the kids!



The Boca Y's "Shoot for a Change" Free Throw contest raised over \$3k for our Annual Giving Campaign with 61 participants! Big thanks to sponsors The Nathanson Brothers REMAX Team and Office Depot!



Halloween at the Y 2020 was a big success - thank you to Publix Supermarkets Charities for sponsoring this event!

Make sure to check our website for all of the latest updates on upcoming YMCA events and activities: YMCASPBC.ORG