



# STRENGTHENING CITRUS TOGETHER

THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT TO THE CITRUS MEMORIAL HEALTH FOUNDATION YMCA

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## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

On September 30<sup>th</sup> we lost a great entrepreneur, who literally changed the face of our community and opened doors for our economy. Stan Olsen helped to make many dreams a reality in Citrus County. Stan was a visionary and he and his wife Betty are a major reason that the campaign to bring a YMCA to Citrus County was a success. Stan will forever be remembered for all of his accomplishments, but most importantly, for the lives that he impacted through his generosity. In March of 2018 Stan and Betty were interviewed by the YMCA and shared the following about why the cause was important to them.



### Stan & Betty Olsen

The Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA rests on a beautiful 18-acre piece of land due to the generosity of Stan and Betty Olsen, who donated the property, taking the first steps to bring the dream of a YMCA facility to Citrus County. The Y came to life on its Grand Opening Day, May 1, 2016, and in recognition of their support, the campus holds their name. "We're excited to be part of a community-wide effort that brings us together in a healthy way. We've been involved with the Y for a while and are so happy to have had a role in how it has grown into this buzzing center of activity," said Betty Olsen. Stan

and Betty have been invested in the community since 1983 and have enjoyed successful business ventures and the friendly vibe that Citrus County is well known for. Both had childhood experiences at the Y when living in Connecticut - Betty with swimming at the YWCA and Stan at the YMCA with track and swim.

One of the reasons that they have been so supportive of the cause is because the Y has created a place for young people to go and they are impressed by the number of senior adults that also enjoy all the Y has to offer. "Often we will have people come up to us to say thank you and share how much the Y has changed their life," said Betty, "It is amazing that it has made a difference to so many people."

Exercise and fitness was important for their late daughter Beth Olsen Johns, who was a Jazzercise teacher for many years and very active and involved in the community. To honor her, Stan and Betty have named the Group Exercise Studio at the Y in her loving memory. The Olsen's further support the cause as Chairman's Round Table Level Donors to the YMCA Annual Giving Campaigns to help the enhancement of programs and financial assistance.

## TAKE A TOUR TODAY!

Please contact Joanna Castle, Citrus YMCA District Vice President, [jcastle@suncoastymca.org](mailto:jcastle@suncoastymca.org) or call (352) 500-9622 if you would like a personal tour of the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA.

## WAYS TO PARTNER

Did you know that you can give to your local YMCA in more ways than just cash? You can donate your time and participate in the Y's Togetherhood projects. You can also gift stock, in-kind, matching gifts through your employer, in honor/in memory, marketable securities, planned giving, or charitable trust. For more information please contact Joanna Castle at (352) 500-9622 or email at [jcastle@suncoastymca.org](mailto:jcastle@suncoastymca.org).

## ADVISORY MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

**Joe Cappuccilli** has been a YMCA Advisory Council member since 2009. Joe recently resigned from the YMCA Advisory Council after 11 years of dedicated service. During his tenure, Joe served on the Finance Committee and as Vice Chairman of the Council. Joe's expertise in real estate management and development was fundamental in bringing a YMCA to Citrus County. As a member of the Capital Leadership Cabinet he spent countless hours assisting with fundraising, program expansion, land development and so much more. His volunteer service has helped to improve thousands of lives and bring the mission of the YMCA to our community.

## EXTENDED CARE DAYS WITH S.T.E.A.M AT THE YMCA

During the last few days of summer, before the school year began, the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA offered Extended Care Days with a S.T.E.A.M theme. Kids spent their days learning and growing through with activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.

Some of the educational activities included making their own slime, 3 coding games to learn shapes and geometry and hands on learning with robots. The kids also were provided materials to build a vessel that an egg could rest on while moving and not break. They enjoyed bubble painting and also experimented with microwaving a bar of Dove soap to observe and analyze the effects!

The program was geared not only to support working parents for a quality childcare experience but also to spark children's minds as the embark on a new school year. It was a great success and over 30 kids participated!

As with all of our Staywithus Summer Programs the Extended Care Days program provided enhanced health procedures that were aligned with the information and guidelines from the CDC and our state and local governments, to help protect kids, families and staff.



## YMCA AND SCHOOLS TO HOST SWIM MEETS



The Citrus Memorial Foundation YMCA is a proud partner of the Citrus County School District, including their swim teams. During the swim season, Lecanto High School swim team practices are held at the Competition pool, and the Y is home to all of Citrus County's High School meets including each year's the District meet. This is a great opportunity for kids to compete and strive for their fullest potential as their friends and family cheer them on.

The Y will host a total of 9 meets during this year's regular season, and will host a District meet on the morning of Halloween. In addition, the YMCA facilitates the Elementary Swim Program to help provide one week of water safety education to second grade students. The school system busses children to the YMCA for these valuable life-saving skills. During this program children learn how to be safe around water, save themselves and others in the event of danger, and practice some basic swimming skills. This program has been postponed for the start of the 2020 school year but plans are to resume this in the future.

## ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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