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YMCA holds ribbon cutting for L.A. Lee YMCA Teen Study Lounge; recognizes Zimmerman Family for commitment

Zimmermans give back as a family to support teen programs at the Y

[FORT LAUDERDALE/SISTRUNK COMMUNITY, May 10, 2017] – The **L.A. Lee YMCA Family Center** will hold a ribbon cutting for its newly renovated Teen Study Lounge on May 10, 2017 at 5 p.m. Thanks to the commitment and generosity of the Zimmerman Family – **Kurt and Patty Hooley Zimmerman**, and their kids – the Teen Study Lounge will be used to kick-off new and exciting teen programs at the Y in the Sistrunk community and surrounding area.

Last year, after identifying a need for teen programming in the L. A. Lee Y, the family has been volunteering. Kurt and Patty have encouraged their kids to give back in a hands-on way, and the Teen Study Lounge is one way they have. In addition, the family has led efforts to remodel a Teen Room; son **Ryan** has developed a Learning Math through Legos program which teaches math skills in a creative way; and son **Conor** has started a Teens for Teens Club which led to the most recent remodeling of the Teen Study Lounge, a cool, Starbucks-like place to study, get help with homework and use computers.

“Every child needs support and guidance to reach their full potential,” said Sheryl A. Woods, CEO and President of the YMCA of South Florida. “And regardless of their background, the YMCA is committed to providing them with programs that strengthen them academically and socially.”

Teen programs are an essential part of strengthening the community and youth because they provide safe places, encourage academic achievement, build leadership skills and expose youth to options and opportunities. Positive programs build a foundation for future leadership in the community.

To find out more about L.A. Lee YMCA Teen programs, contact Jocelyn Boyd, Executive Director, at 954-467-2444.

NOTE: Teens, the Zimmermans, YMCA Spokesperson available for interviews.

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About the YMCA of South Florida

The Y is a leading nonprofit committed to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Every day, the Y works hard to build healthy, confident, connected and secure children, adults, families and communities through over 200 afterschool, preschool, special needs, sports, camp and youth programs, family centers, and senior health outreach sites. To learn more, visit www.ymcaofsouthflorida.org, connect on Facebook or Twitter, or call a Y near you.