

AACY Celebration Brunch

Elected officials, business, healthcare, education and religious leaders will join together to celebrate the opening of school in Palm Beach County, one of the featured events of Boca Festival Days and one community constituents won't want to miss!

BOCA RATON, Fla. - April, 2018 - This year's event will be recognizing volunteer extraordinaire, Jan Dymtrow, Community Outreach at the Lynn Cancer Institute. We will also be celebrating the success of caregiving youth in school, with support these students have a greater than 97 percent graduation rate. Two caregiving youth will speak at the event.

Over the past two decades, Dr. Connie Siskowski has served as the voice and founder of American Association of Caregiving Youth. AACY's mission is to recognize, and promote the awareness of these youth that are both students and family caregivers, while providing direct support and resources to help them succeed.

Currently, there are at least 1.3-1.4 million caregiving children ages 8-18 years old in the U.S. Of these, 38% provide care for a grandparent and 34% provide care for a parent. Because of these responsibilities, caregiving youth often face difficulties in school. In fact, 22% of young adults who dropped out of high school for personal reasons said they dropped out to care for a family member. With support these students have a greater than 97 percent graduation rate. A few caregiving youth will speak at the event.

WHEN: Tuesday, May 15, 2018
10:00 am – 12 noon

WHERE: Broken Sound Club
2401 Willow Springs Dr.
Boca Raton, Florida 33496

WHY: Proceeds of the breakfast will benefit the Caregiving Youth Project, a local program of AACY that offers services to middle and high school children who care for family members who are ill, injured, elderly or disabled.

Breakfast tickets are \$60 in advance and \$75 at the door. Please contact Gerry Fallon at (561) 391-7401, to purchase a ticket or for more information.

The American Association of Caregiving Youth (AACY) is a Florida based 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation that began serving the greater Boca Raton community in 1997. Today AACY is the only organization of its kind in the United States solely dedicated to addressing the issues surrounding the silent, vulnerable and hidden population, conservatively estimated to exceed 1.4 million children, who provide care for ill, injured, elderly or disabled family members. Its mission is to increase awareness and provide support services for youth caregivers and their families by connecting them with healthcare, education and community resources. AACY's model program, the Caregiving Youth Project (CYP), works in partnership with The School District of Palm Beach County. Dr. Connie Siskowski, the organization's founder, was a 2012 CNN Top Ten Hero.