



**Two Generations, One Bond.
The Jorge Beltran Story
YMCA Connection - July 2010**

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When Jorge Eduardo Beltran (pictured to the right with son Jorge Emilio) arrived in the U.S. from his native Bolivia in 1961, he spent his first night at the YMCA in New York City.



Immediately enthralled by a spirit of camaraderie and community, Jorge became a member of the Queens YMCA where he grew to be an active part of the volleyball team, boasting a landslide victory against the West Point Academy cadets team. Today, Jorge continues to be an active member of the YMCA, participating in the [Silver Sneakers®](#) program at the [Homestead Family YMCA](#) in South Florida for the last five years and counting.

A place that Jorge says feels just like home, the YMCA helps him stay healthy and strong, and gives his 7 year old son, Jorge Emilio, a wonderful place to swim, play and grow.

"Jorge Emilio really enjoys the pool," Jorge said. "He's also spent the last two summers in YMCA Summer Camp at Homestead. I have confidence that I can bring my kid to the Y any day, and he will be safe."

Jorge Emilio enjoys the YMCA just as much as his father does. Whenever he mentions a trip to the Y, it's like music to the boy's ears, Jorge explains. He has many friends there and looks forward to seeing them, and enjoying time with them each time he visits.

"The atmosphere at the Y is a very special one," said Jorge. "Everyone is just so nice and welcoming. That's the best way to be."

To Mr. Beltran and Jorge Emilio, the YMCA is a place to bond, stay active and share time with special friends. Every family deserves the opportunity to benefit from a positive, enriching environment where they can play

and grow together. Please [Donate Now](#), and help families who cannot afford to pay enjoy a YMCA membership, and everything it has to offer.

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