



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## ***Members and Friends of the New Canaan YMCA:***

The New Canaan YMCA is committed to strengthening our community. The Y is a diverse organization of men, women, and children joined together by a shared commitment to nurturing the potential of kids, promoting healthy living, and fostering a sense of social responsibility.

- We remain committed to promoting youth development and the 40 Developmental Assets through active collaborations with the Town of New Canaan, New Canaan Public Schools, and the Outback Teen Center. This past year, high school attendance at the Outback's dances has grown to an average of 200 kids!
- The Y's Special Needs Initiative—launched in 2009—continues to flourish and now serves nearly 200 kids, teens, and adults through specialized and mainstream recreational and social programming. The New Canaan YMCA is one of just a handful of Ys in the country to have a full-time, dedicated Director of Special Needs Programming.
- To help our members and the community meet their goals for healthy living, we continue to improve our facilities. In addition to the Y's new Mind-Body Center, we made exciting equipment and facility updates to our Wellness Center this past year.
- Philanthropic support of the Y remains strong. The Y's 13<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing at the Country Club of Fairfield, chaired by Chris Pohle and Rick Selvala, raised more than \$65,000 to support the Y's Special Needs Initiative. The 2009 All Kids Are Our Kids campaign, under the leadership of Susan Lovejoy and Paula Bruno, was very successful despite a difficult economic climate. And, through a wonderful new collaboration with the Kiwanis Club, the Y introduced Circus Vidbel, a new family fundraiser to support teen programs. We look forward to it becoming a tradition!
- We are entering our fourth year of partnering with Facing the Future, a nonprofit child development center serving the Kenyan Slum of Kibera.
- In spite of economic uncertainty, the Y continues to maintain a steady fiscal position.
- In 2009, we awarded more than \$270,000 in financial assistance for memberships and programs, up 13% from 2008.

We believe that lasting personal and social change can only come about when we all work together to invest in our kids, our health, and our neighbors. That's why, at the Y, strengthening community is our primary goal. And it is one our Board and Staff are proud to work toward achieving.

Yours in service,

Peter Skaperdas, *Board President*

Craig Panzano, *Executive Director*