

ALWAYS HERE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

At the Y, strengthening our community is our number one mission.

Every day, we work side by side with our members, volunteers, and other organizations to ensure that everyone—regardless of age, ability, income, or background—has the opportunity to be enriched in mind, body, and spirit.

- To make sure that all kids in our community have the experiences and positive relationships they need to grow into healthy adults, our Y remains committed to promoting Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets. In this connection, we are pleased to be partnering with a number of community organizations, including the Town of New Canaan and the New Canaan Public Schools.
- The Y's Special Needs Initiative, launched in 2009, has continued to flourish and now serves more than 275 kids, teens, and young adults through specialized and mainstream recreational and social programming. This past year, we were proud to introduce Special Olympics and Unified Sports programming to our lineup.
- Everybody belongs at the Y, and strong philanthropic support makes this happen. The 2010 Annual Support Campaign, under the leadership of board members Peter Skaperdas and Chris Pohle, enabled us to provide \$246,000 in financial assistance to members of our community in need. Our 14th annual golf outing at the Country Club of Fairfield, chaired by Chris Pohle and Rick Selvala, raised more than \$80,000 to support our Special Needs Initiative. And, through our partnership with the Kiwanis Club of New Canaan, we were pleased to bring Circus Vidbel back to town, with proceeds supporting key



youth development programs at the Y and throughout the community.

- We recently completed a successful two-year joint venture with the Outback Teen Center, providing them with programmatic and operational support. Looking ahead, we look forward to teaming with the Outback's staff and board to provide further support as they continue to serve New Canaan's teens.
 - To help our members and the community on their goals for healthier living, we have introduced a 12-week cancer wellness program for individuals who are currently undergoing or have recently completed treatment. This program is free to all Y members.
 - We've entered our fifth year of partnering with Facing the Future, a nonprofit child development center that feeds and educates more than 100 young children in the Kenyan slum of Kibera.
- The New Canaan YMCA continues to maintain a steady fiscal position, ensuring that we will be able to continue serving the community now and in the future.

We believe that lasting personal and social enrichment is best promoted when we all come together for our kids, for healthy living, and for our neighbors. In this spirit, the Board and Staff of the New Canaan YMCA will continue to work every day to serve our community.

Yours in service,

Peter Skaperdas
Board President

Craig Panzano
Executive Director