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Changing Lives

"I am writing to thank the members of the New Canaan YMCA who have provided support for my daughter and our family by making it possible for her to participate in the special needs programs.

The Y is now a new part of her weekly schedule, providing her with a place to exercise, socialize and gain independence from her mom with a newfound excitement to tell me all about her program experiences when I pick her up. Meeting on a weekly basis provides her with a way to gain confidence and develop friendships.

On behalf of our daughter, we thank you for your wonderful programs at the New Canaan YMCA. Each week is a new opportunity and one we did not have for our daughter before we found the special needs program at the New Canaan YMCA."

The 1954 Society for Community

In 1954, twenty residents came together to form the New Canaan YMCA. Their legacy is the Y we know today and the thousands of lives it has changed. The 1954 Society for Community honors individuals who share the same vision and dedication to the New Canaan YMCA as the original "54 twenty," by generously making or planning future gifts to the New Canaan Community YMCA Endowment Fund.

The 1954 Society for Community is recognized in the Y's annual report and meets annually to enjoy fellowship of new and old friends of the Y, find inspiration in the Y's work, and receive updates on programs and initiatives supported through the Fund.

The New Canaan Community YMCA Endowment Fund

Led by local volunteers, the Y remains in touch with our community's changing needs. A healthy Y capable of making a significant impact in the community is a gift we have received from prior generations. And it is a gift we should pass along, in a stronger position, to future generations.

Thanks to the generosity of the Y's friends—whether through annual contributions, event sponsorship, or capital campaign support—our Y has been able to change lives and make amazing things possible for so many individuals within our community.

The New Canaan Community YMCA Endowment Fund provides the Y's closest friends and supporters with the opportunity to memorialize their role in the Y's ability to strengthen our community. Annual income from this permanent endowment fund will provide financial support to the Y's greatest needs as they evolve over time, sustaining the Y's unique ability to serve our community for years and generations to come.

Giving is Trustworthy and Flexible

The Y takes seriously the trust our donors place in us. Gifts to the New Canaan Community YMCA Endowment Fund are kept in perpetuity and professionally invested to generate income that is used to further the work of the New Canaan YMCA.

The Fund's policies, practices, and performance are overseen by the New Canaan YMCA Endowment Committee, as well as the Professional Advisory Sub-Committee and Investment Advisory Sub-Committee. Each of these committees is comprised of members of the Board of Directors and local volunteers with a range of legal, financial, fundraising, and community experience—all with a passion for the Y's continued success.

Giving as Individual as You

The determination to make a charitable gift is an expression of cherished values and priorities. The Y recognizes that no two donors and no two gifts are alike in their aspirations and motivations.

Gifts can be made in many ways including but not limited to outright gifts of cash or appreciated securities, a bequest by including the Y in your estate plan, retirement asset, life insurance, charitable gift annuity, or charitable trust.

In recognition of the important role that charitable organizations like the Y play in meeting important needs in our society, the nation's tax laws provide incentives that encourage philanthropic donations. It is recommended that you consult your tax advisor and/or attorney regarding the tax deductibility of contributions and/or estate plan contributions.

For additional information about making a gift to the New Canaan Community YMCA Endowment Fund and/or joining the 1954 Society for Community, please contact the New Canaan YMCA Development office at 203-920-1654.

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"My wife and I greatly appreciate your financial assistance. We are in our sixties and have always been active (both physically and as members of our community).

We found ourselves in a position of extreme financial duress about a year ago and the Y came through for us. It has made a huge difference in our lives.

Firstly, we benefited from an emotional standpoint. It was heartwarming to realize that the community stood ready to offer assistance and it was comforting to be treated with courtesy and kindness by you.

Secondly, we have been able to stay active on a regular basis, which is of course critical to maintaining our health.

We appreciate the financial assistance the YMCA has provided."

Endowment gifts share a vision for the future and can sustain youth programs, family programs, and community initiatives...

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Youth Development

Over 4,000 kids each year develop skills, values, & relationships that lead to positive behavior & better health.



Celebrating Abilities

The Y serves over 100 kids & adults with special needs creating a safe and welcoming environment for all to thrive.



Stronger Together

Whether through cancer wellness or support groups, the Y helps our community grow stronger together.



Healthy Living

The Y provides resources & support for thousands of individuals to achieve & maintain a healthy lifestyle.



Forever Well

Over 1,000 seniors in our community come to the Y to stay active, healthy, & connected.



Stronger Families

Families strengthen bonds at the Y through programs, recreation, volunteerism, & special events.



Where Everybody Belongs

Each year, the Y awards approximately \$250,000 in financial assistance ensuring everybody can benefit from the Y.