

November 20, 2006

Dear friend:

This Thanksgiving we ask your help to support our annual fund.

So many of you in the greater Westchester community have an affiliation with the YWCA; whether as children or parents with children you may have attended a nursery, summer camp, after-school or child care program. You may have learned to swim or perform a back-handspring here. Or, maybe, you came seeking an inviting place to cultivate your mind and body.

Every week over 4,000 children, women and men enter our hallways. For some, the activity they participate in is an added bonus to the day. For others, coming to the YWCA provides a place where caring adults help mentor and offer youth encouragement to tackle school and home life. It is a place where talents are nurtured in swimming, gymnastics and Special Olympics events and where parents receive support services they need. For 184 women at our Residence, the YWCA is a safe haven, food bank and more.

All of this is made possible because of the YWCA's talented, compassionate staff. To support their hard work we continually look to provide the best equipment, tools, classroom furnishings, books and games possible. **We need your help.**

Facility Needs

We made major improvements to our home on North Street in the past year – renovated the second floor hallway, upgraded the family locker room, replaced our HVAC system, painted Child Care Center classrooms, installed a new registration system and much more. While our building continues to look better, our sights are set much higher.



Your Annual Fund gift will help us renovate our mini-gym, make upgrades to our playground, refurbish our lobby and front entrance, improve our classrooms, and provide a new roof at the YWCA Residence.

Scholarships and Program Support

Help every child learn to swim in our pool, tumble in our gymnasium or learn in our classes. *Your Annual Fund* gift can underwrite a scholarship to attend Nursery School, Summer Camp or any of our programs.

Our Child Care Center and Kids' Connection program started the year with several new toys and interactive games. However, many items still remain on the list. ***Your Annual Fund*** gift will help us purchase additional balls for Child Care, arts & crafts for Kids Connection, new furnishings for Nursery School and supplies for summer camp.

We hope you will join this year's Thanksgiving Fund. You can do that by:

- *Making a gift to the Annual Fund.*
- *Renewing your membership at the YWCA of White Plains.*
- *Giving the gift of membership at the YWCA of White Plains.*

Member's benefits include participation at special events, our newsletter, opportunities to swim in our pool, and the availability of all of our programs. More importantly, your support helps us in our advocacy and mission based work to that makes the YWCA a leader in social justice and women's issues.

Please help ensure that the legacy of your YWCA remains strong.

Sincerely,



E. Barbara Wiggins, President
Board of Directors



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