

New York State YMCA Funds, Inc.



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Dear YMCA Leader,

Welcome to the first edition of the New York State YMCA Funds' Newsletter. You may be wondering exactly what is New York YMCA Funds, Inc. and how is the organization relevant to you and your life within the YMCA. The answer to that question is one that will please you. The purpose of The New York State YMCA Funds, Inc. is to support YMCAs within New York State and elsewhere and to assist them in promoting their services and programs for all people, regardless of circumstance, in accord with the principles of the YMCA Movement.

The organization originally began as the New York State YMCA Executive Committee in 1870. As YMCA of the USA began to organize itself differently, the State YMCA structure ended. New York State YMCA Funds retained the endowment of the state organization and recently renamed itself, now operating as a foundation, with a board of directors and a board of trustees. The [Board of Directors](#) is responsible to allocate and distribute funds from the endowments. The Board of Trustees determines, based upon a formula, the annual amount available to the board for allocation purposes.

The New York State YMCA Funds, Inc. strives to serve as an active partner in the New York State Alliance of YMCAs, adding value to the work of local YMCAs by providing funding support to key statewide and local program initiatives. The New York State YMCA Funds, Inc. will support efforts which contribute to the public's understanding of the YMCA Movement and the importance of the YMCA to the local community. To learn more about our organization, please visit our website at <http://www.nysymcafunds.org>.

Regards,

Charlie Clark

New York State YMCA Funds Awards Recognition Grants

In acknowledgment of the YMCA's heritage, the New York State YMCA Funds Inc.'s Bolte Fund offers mini-grants that recognize and support existing YMCA Programs with a Christian Emphasis. Each year, a \$1,000 recognition award, as well as program grants, are made to YMCAs in the State that operate programs with the following criteria:

- Program theme has a significant Christian emphasis
- Program is non-denominational and affordable to all
- Program that is open to children and youth, women, men or entire families
- Program should be sponsored by the YMCA

This year the Brookside/Trinity Community House programs at the Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks are being honored with the \$1,000 recognition award. The Brookside/Trinity Community House is a staffed residence

on the grounds of the Silver Bay YMCA which extends short term Christian hospitality to YMCA professionals and their families, pastors and their spouses, single parents and small groups who are seeking rejuvenation and personal growth on their life's journey. Many additional spiritual programs are conducted at the Brookside/Trinity Community House.

Other YMCAs with Christian Emphasis Programs also received grants to help underwrite the programs' costs. These include: The YMCA of Greater Syracuse's Gospel Choir Program, The Jamestown YMCA's Man in the Mirror Bible Study, The YMCA of the Greater Tri-Valley's Inspirational Gospel Choir, The Glens Falls Family YMCA's National Day of Prayer Breakfast, The YMCA of Greater Rochester's Palm Sunday Breakfast and The Capital District YMCA's Good Friday Breakfast.



The Brookside/Trinity Community House at the Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks, winner of the New York State YMCA Funds' \$1,000 Bolte Fund award for an Outstanding Program with Christian Emphasis.

Resident Camp Scholarships for 99 campers in '09

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Going away to Summer Camp. Most people who are lucky enough to have the experience when they are young will never forget it. Each year New York State YMCA Funds Inc. is proud to support camping and provide children in need with a positive camping experience through the Nash and MacLean Funds.

dollars that they already raise each year. Resident campers receiving the award must be: members of the YMCA; come from families deserving of assistance; have leadership potential and reside in New York State.

The restricted endowment provides scholarship funds to resident campers only, that are in financial need. New York State YMCA Funds strongly encourages YMCA camps to utilize funds received through this grant as a supplement to the financial assistance and scholarship

This year, a total of \$38,151 was distributed in scholarship funds to deserving resident campers at each of the state's 12 YMCA overnight camps.

YMCA Camp Weona *Camp Kenan*

Camp McAlister & Camp Talcott



Camp Y-Owasco Summer 2009 Nash and MacLean Funds Recap

Celebrating its 86th summer of adventure on the shore of beautiful Owasco Lake, Camp Y-Owasco of the Auburn YMCA-WEIU extends its gratitude to New York State YMCA Funds for its generous award through the Nash and MacLean camp scholarship fund. The Nash and MacLean funds' contribution was a part of over \$11,500 in scholarships for children to attend camp this summer. Thanks to these scholarships, children from central New York were able to grow physically and mentally



Campers at Y-Owasco

through activities such as swimming, canoeing, kayaking, archery, nature, camp crafts, arts and crafts, drama,

dance, sports, sailing, and waterskiing. Perhaps more importantly, these campers grew personally and spiritually as they learned from the examples and advice of our staff and went home from Camp Y-Owasco with new friends, more confidence, increased social skills, higher self-esteem, better leadership skills, and a more mature sense of self. This year, as it is every year, the campers of Y-Owasco showed that summer isn't just "the growing season" among farmers, and we look

forward to partnering with the New York State YMCA Funds Inc next year to do it all over again!



Camp Dudley YMCA

ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN, NY & VT

Camp Dudley YMCA celebrated its 125th consecutive summer this year. Located in Westport, NY, more than 700 boys attended the Camp, which was founded by Sumner F. Dudley, a YMCA volunteer, in 1885. Dudley's mission has been "to have fun while thinking about the other fellow first." More than 150 boys received scholarship support this summer. The Dudley program consists of athletics, an arts program, an outdoors program and a spiritual program. New York State YMCA Funds, Inc is proud to contribute to such a deeply rooted, successful YMCA tradition.

