



Kids Families Communities

• Year - end • 2009 •

Did you know....

1. 130 donors have pledged \$4,004,041 or 80.1% as of December 10, towards our \$5 million capital campaign goal.



2. 2,200 members were helped in 2008 through the wonderful support of our Annual Strong Kids Campaign donors. The Y gave away \$271,000 in financial assistance to these members. So far in 2009, the YMCA of Talbot County has helped over 3,000 members and is on track to give away approximately \$286,000 in financial assistance.

3. The YMCA of Talbot County serves 1 in 3 citizens in Talbot County.

4. 1 of every 2 kids in Talbot County is either a member or participates in some Y function.



5. Talbot Family Network gave 2 grants in 2009 totaling \$25,603 to support Camp Lazy Days and used for staff support, travel costs, activities, and day trips. These funds were also used to purchase handicap bicycles, helmets, a Playland and parachutes, handicap benches, picnic tables, an aquatic wheelchair and life vests. In addition, TFN gave another grant of \$13,410 for staff support of the after-school programs.

6. Dirtiest Jobs Camp saw kids cleaning Porta-Potties (courtesy of Pierson's), touring the Easton Firehouse, Chapel's Country Creamery, and a visit to JM Clayton's crab company. The final day saw the kids enjoying a slip-n-slide with "no-tears" soap.

7. The YMCA of Talbot County works with teen volunteers to help them earn their student learning hours for high school graduation.

8. 52 kids participated in the Y's Camp Lazy Days program this year, a six-week summer camp for kids with special needs, ages 5-21. It is provided at no cost to the families, 50% of whom are low-income families.



9. Family programming added an additional babysitting night in February 2009! This was a "Keep the Romance Alive" date night that allowed members to leave their children at the YMCA for a fun evening of swimming, dinner & movies while parents hit the town to celebrate Valentine's Day. This program was a huge success and will be offered again in 2010.

10. Throughout the course of 2009, the YMCA offered over 500 group fitness classes, healthy cooking classes, Free Fruit Day, and Wellness Seminars for the teachers and staff of Talbot County Public Schools. Teachers who were not already YMCA members were offered a free summer membership when the school year ended to guarantee that all TCPS teachers, staff, and family members could continue working on health and well being throughout the summer AND learn all about all the wonderful programming the YMCA has to offer throughout the year!

11. The employees of Tri-Gas & Oil donated a GMC Sierra truck to the Y.



12. We are working with Queen Anne's County and Chesapeake College to manage the swimming pool at Chesapeake College.

13. The YMCA in St. Michaels is expanding from 3,000 to 6,200 sq ft. This project should be completed around the middle of January.

14. Anny Williams, a Y member and volunteer, started the first Women Helping Women Breast Cancer Awareness program at the YMCA.



15. The YMCA offers FRESH FRUIT for a small donation at the front desk. We are also working with our vending company to offer healthier snack food options, such as baked chips.



YMCA of Talbot County

Mission

With Christian Principles as our foundation, our mission is to foster opportunities for individuals, families, and community that strengthen a healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

Financial Assistance

It is the policy of the YMCA of Talbot County that no one is turned away due to the inability to pay. "Open Doors" Financial Assistance Forms are available at the Welcome Center. Forms can also be downloaded from the YMCA website, www.talbotymca.org. The completed forms and proof of income can be returned to the Y.

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16. 328 participants enjoyed the 8th Annual YMCA's Run for Hospice, featuring the ChampionChip® Timing System for the first time ever! The system was sponsored by Brenan Roser, President of Roser's Charter Kitchens & Beyond and a run participant. The system automatically recorded participants' times and helped speed up race results.



17. TCY Swimmers sent 11 swimmers to the 2009 YMCA National Championship. This was the 18th consecutive year TCY Swimming has qualified swimmers to the national championship under Coach George Higley who is in his 20th year as head coach. Located at the YMCA of Talbot County, the program is based on the core values of the YMCA and TCY Swimming and focuses on developing swimmers through technique.

18. 6 members of the TCY Swimming Stingrays team earned college athletic scholarships in 2009.



19. Bette Kenzie donated the beautiful wooden fence in front of the soccer field to help keep kids out of the street.



20. On October 3, in conjunction with the Marathon ROCKS team, Easton ROCKS presented a \$25,000 check to support the capital campaign and help build the YMCA's new Teen and Family Center. During the 6-month training season, 43 runners each raised a minimum of \$1,000 for the Center and for the continuance of youth development and enrichment programs during its construction.

21. In 2009, Easton Rocks partnered with the YMCA of Talbot County and provided volunteers for programs such as, Mural Painting, Musical Theater, Horseback Riding, Marathon Rocks, and Air Time Talbot; they also have provided the YMCA's Hang Time program with a bi-weekly cooking class.

Did you know....

All of us at the Y, the entire staff, the many volunteers, and the Board of Directors wish you, your family and loved ones a blessed and happy holiday season!



Well, by now our new Welcome Center is open and hopefully you've had a chance to visit the YMCA. I want to say thanks for your patience through the transition.

You may have noticed a stained glass window in our Christian Heritage Library. Did you know that the YMCA started as a Bible Study in 1844 in London, England? George Williams, as a young man working in London, was struggling with the vices of the city. He brought together eleven men and they began meeting to help keep them on the straight and narrow path. Over time, other Young Men's Christian Associations began to spring up. The first in the USA was formed in 1851 in Springfield, Massachusetts.

While the YMCA is no longer in the business of saving young men's souls, the thread of putting Christian principles into practice through programs remains the key litmus test in everything we do. This new library is such a neat space in our YMCA. It pays homage to our rich history and serves as a daily reminder for our staff, volunteers, and members, where we come from and ultimately where we're going. As you can see on the stained glass window, the first logo of the YMCA has a Bible open to John 17:21 which reads "That they may all be one." That's what we're all about! Being a place where our community can come together as one.

Happy New Year and best wishes for a prosperous and healthy 2010.

R Gill

