

Northshore YMCA Endowment Campaign

The Northshore YMCA's mission, "building a community where all people, especially the young, are encouraged to develop their fullest potential in spirit, mind and body," provides the basis for all we do. Your commitment of a gift to an endowment fund is the strongest statement of support to the mission that a friend of the YMCA can make.

The YMCA is central to the lives of people not only in the Northshore community, but also around the region. We build strong kids. We connect families. We push the boundaries of limitation, and we advance self-confidence to serve the common good, all of which builds strong communities.

Throughout its history, the Northshore YMCA has relied on the generosity of members, friends, corporations, and foundations that endorse the YMCA's mission. This support has played a vital role in propelling the YMCA into the front ranks of premier human service organizations. Now, more than ever, philanthropy is essential to sustain this important legacy.

Purpose of the Northshore YMCA Endowment Campaign

We offer an overall set of endowments that will provide financial assistance to youth and families. To achieve this purpose the Northshore YMCA has established the following funds and will explore additional interests as requested.



LUCAS FAMILY ENDOWMENT FOR YOUTH

This fund will provide resources essential to the health and wellness of youth. Teaching healthy behaviors at a young age is important since change becomes more difficult with age. Behaviors involving physical activity and nutrition are the cornerstone of preventing obesity in children and adolescents. As an endowment, this fund guarantees a reliable income stream. Your gift to this fund allows the Northshore YMCA to ensure scholarships and program support for programs that focus on youth physical activity, sports, strength, health and nutrition.

LENN WIDTH ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund is named after a dedicated volunteer at the Northshore YMCA. Lenn was a powerful advocate for the programs and services at the Northshore Y. This fund provides scholarships and program support for youth. Your gift to this fund allows the Northshore YMCA to support youth programs into perpetuity.

EASTMAN/RUSH ENDOWMENT FUND

The Eastman/Rush Endowment Fund provides essential scholarship support for swim lessons at the Northshore YMCA and sponsors river water safety classes in the Snoqualmie Valley. Gifts to this fund make possible the essential water safety skills that are necessary to keep youth living in the Snoqualmie Valley safe when they are in or around water.



Goals of the Northshore YMCA Endowment Campaign

- Recruit a minimum of seven (7) new members to the Heritage Club
- Raise a minimum of \$25,000 for endowments at the Northshore YMCA

Campaign Timeline: Campaign begins April 10, 2007 and will end December 31, 2008

■ What is the Heritage Club?

The Heritage Club is composed of individuals who have made an outright gift or notified the YMCA that they have provided for a future planned gift, whether large or small, to a YMCA endowment fund.

■ What is an Endowment Fund?

An endowment fund is a permanent fund in which the principal of your gift is invested and grows over time. The endowment fund then makes distributions, on an annual basis, to support the purpose(s) specified by the donor (s). Gifts made to an endowment can be made to support the general mission of the organization or directed to serve a specific program or purpose.

Endowment gifts are extremely valuable in enhancing the quality of the Northshore YMCA's community service programs since they provide a stable, constant resource regardless of support from the annual Partners With Youth Campaign.

■ Creating an Endowment at the Northshore YMCA

With the creation of an endowment, you have the chance to build a strong foundation for the Northshore YMCA, now and in the future. Depending on your passion or interest, your endowment, which provides funds in perpetuity, can be focused or wide-ranging.

You can immediately establish an endowment through outright gifts using almost any type of asset — cash, securities, real estate or other property that can be liquidated.

The minimum gift for a named endowment is \$20,000. However, you can add gifts of any amount to existing endowments, such as the Lucas Family Endowment for Youth, the Lenn Width Endowment and the Eastman/Rush Endowment.

Bequests and other deferred gifts, including those that provide life income to you or another beneficiary, can also fund endowments. YMCA staff with specialized gift planning knowledge can help you, or your financial or legal advisor, explore a variety of endowment funding options.

If you are thinking about creating an endowment to support a specific purpose, we encourage you (or your advisor) to work with development staff at the YMCA to ensure that your gift will accomplish your goals over time. We can assist you in structuring your gift to provide support that is meaningful for you and has a powerful impact on the development of spirit, mind and body that takes place at the Northshore YMCA.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your gift plans, please contact Christine Howeler at 425-485-9797 or via email at choweler@seattleyymca.org.



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