

Advancing a Sustainable Future



MOUNT DESERT ISLAND YMCA

Donor Newsletter November 2024



Dear Friends and Supporters,

For more than 125 years, making a donation to our community Y helps give everyone a chance at a better future! We hope the stories shared in this issue help you see the positive impact Y programs have on children and families and the meaningful activities offered every day.

Did you know that the Mount Desert Island YMCA is open seven days a week, 359 days a year in service to everyone in the community? Did you know that our non-profit community Y is committed to making it possible for everyone, regardless of their financial situation, to participate in Y programs? Your donation has impact! Nearly \$100,000 of philanthropic support by means of the generosity of the community is directed back to support the working families and low-income individuals for whom we all, each and every one of us, offer a helping hand.

With the combined power of the contributions of over 600 donors including individuals, businesses, and families, the MDI YMCA raised nearly \$500,000 as of fiscal year end September 30, 2024. Donations were directed toward the support of a number of specific initiatives and programs as well as for general operations. All donations received are put to work immediately to keep our community growing, thriving and ready to face the changing future!

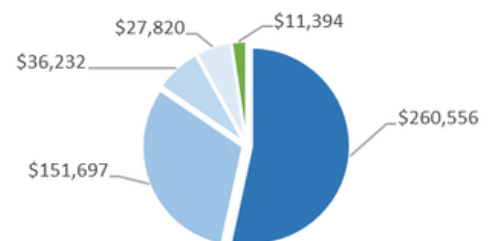


Supporter, Paul Coston

"I came to the Y for the first time when I was eight years old, and I was petrified to go to the Y because I was shy. My mother signed me up to play on the peewee basketball team. I met the coach and a lot of players I knew from school, and I got comfortable with that, and I absolutely just loved it. That was the beginning of my love for the Y. I'll be 70 and I'm still playing. I love the Y." - Paul Coston

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Mount Desert Island YMCA
Year End September 30, 2024 Donations



- Annual Support for Operations
- 125th Anniversary Celebration
- Aquathon
- Other Events and Sponsors
- Additions to Endowment



Swimming and Aquatics

During the fiscal year, continued donations were received for the MacLeod Fund, an endowed fund namely "Swim MDIY at Age 5." The Y's programs and day-to-day operational activities and facility cannot continue to function without near constant investment and reinvestment in the Y's recreational center. By the end of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 the Mount Desert Island YMCA spent over \$300,000 in capital improvements most notably for the complete replacement of 1) the roof of the Lenny DeMuro Pool (including a structural design that will accommodate solar panels) and 2) the original swimming pool filter with modern technology which will ensure our pool continues as sparkling clean and healthy for everyone.



Supporter, Amy Sussman

"Swimming taught me how to succeed, how to respond when I succeed. And it also taught me how to respond when I fail. Because we do fail. These lessons I use every day of my life, every day of my adult life, from swimming at the MDI YMCA. My contributions of time and talent and treasure to the Y allows the Y to be the beacon in town, the beacon on the island where kids and families can gather and be together and grow and learn together." - Amy Sussman

Annual Appeal Campaign!

Which leads us to November! Every year, the Mount Desert Island YMCA reaches out to the community and this year, our Annual Fundraising Campaign includes an inspired view that together we can advance a sustainable future right here on MDI. Early donations totaling \$63,000 will set the stage for matching gifts of \$63,000, totaling \$126,000 (representing \$1,000 for each year that the Y has been in service to the community)!

Giving Week at the Y kicks off on November 18 with an Open House at 21 Park Street! All programs and activities underway will be FREE including also a raffle, snacks, opportunities to meet the staff, check out and tour the facility and warm up in the swimming pool.

"I have been a member here for two years. I like coming to the Y after school and my favorite thing to do here is playing football and soccer with my friends and not doing chores." - Sam Tadenev



Youth Member, Sam Tadenev

Thank you for your donation in support of the children, adults, and families on Mount Desert Island.

Come along, connect with us, and we think you too will be inspired!