



Welcome to the Mount Desert Island YMCA's 2025-2026 Annual Appeal!

For 126 years, our community Y has worked side-by-side with our neighbors to empower young people, improve the health and well-being of all, and inspire action!

Our Y's Annual Appeal is special. It helps us ensure that anyone who could benefit from our programs can have access to them, no matter their income or ability to pay. This beautiful tradition now feels more important than ever.

Today, 52% of our members and participants receive financial assistance, ensuring they can benefit from the Y.

Every single gift makes a difference.

Here is some of what your gift can do-

Support our young people – the Y provides a fun, safe and nurturing place with lots of year-round activities for both pre-schoolers and school age children, whether after-school or on days when schools are out.

Ensure safety around the water – Learning to swim is a joy! And also a necessity. Every child, teen and family member in our community has access to aquatics programs in the Y's large heated pool.

Assist us all in staying healthy – Health and wellness classes for young and old and everyone in between are offered at the Y.

Right now, your early donation will set the bar for others. You'll help create "matching funds" that will power our Giving Week starting Monday November 17. Our goal for this year's Annual Appeal is \$270,000, up a bit from last year's success of \$250,000. Your early donation, plus those during Giving Week, will get us to or beyond \$135,000, half of our total goal for the year! We could not do what we do without your support. Please donate today to help advance our impact and accomplish more together.

With Appreciation,

Steve Gurin
President, Board of Directors

Cate Schneider
Chair, Fundraising Committee

Ann Tikkanen
Chief Executive Officer

The mission of the Mount Desert Island YMCA is to develop community, character, personal growth and wellness in spirit, mind and body for the greater MDI community.