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BUILDING FUTURES

The Greater Green Bay YMCA

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IT'S TEE TIME

Combine one of the area's premiere golf courses with a worthwhile cause, and you have the 5th Annual YMCA Golf Outing. Spend the day having fun on the course with your friends and colleagues while providing kids the opportunity to make new friends, experience the wonder of the outdoors, and instill values and lasting memories through YMCA camps. Participants will enjoy a round of challenging golf, silent & live auctions, course events, raffles, dinner and much more.

To reserve your foursome or for more information, contact Kathy Wucherer at (920) 436-9516, or via email at Kathy.Wucherer@GreenBayYmca.org. You may also visit www.GreenBayYMCA.org to download the brochure and registration form.

GREATER GREEN BAY YMCA GOLF OUTING Benefitting YMCA Camps



Entry fees include 18 holes of challenging golf, cart, range balls, box lunch on course, drink tickets, dinner and a commemorative gift.



**JULY 11, 2011
GREEN BAY COUNTRY CLUB**



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A PLACE TO BELONG

I am the mother of a 12 year old boy with special needs. When Joe was a young child it was easy for me to keep him active and stay active with him. We joined the Y, we biked, we walked and explored together.

Now that he is older he is looking for more than just my company. He needs the company of his true peers and some variety in his activities. He needs an understanding, accepting and adaptive community environment to do this in that still allows us all a feeling of some normalcy.

This past fall my son started participating in the special needs exercise classes at the Y. **The classes provide much needed structure in a fun way and has allowed Joe to participate in things we probably wouldn't have tried on our own.** I believe his Y membership gives him a sense of belonging. I see increased independence, self awareness and self confidence in Joe.

~Julie and Joe

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ROAD TO RECOVERY

A little over two years ago, my femur broke while playing soccer with my son. After weeks of testing and waiting, it was found to be a very rare form of bone cancer. I needed a procedure called limb salvage surgery to replace most of my femur with hardware and donor bone. After multiple hardware and bone failures that led to further surgeries, the decision was made to replace my entire knee and most of my femur with titanium. Six surgeries and two years later, the cancer is gone and my leg is healing well.

The whole process of dealing with cancer and surgery was difficult, but there are things in my life that keep me strong. The Y is the place that I go to almost every day – whether I feel like it or not. I knew that once I walked in the front door, I would be greeted by someone who cared about how I was doing. I would always find friends and Y members that would keep me motivated and inspire me with their stories and kind words. **Some of my best days at the Y are the ones when I have to drag myself there – because the people I encounter often change my outlook on the day for the better.**

My family, friends, oncology team and physical therapists have been critical to my recovery. Those closest to me joke about my “part time job” – the many hours I spend at the Y. They know that those hours keep me moving toward my goal of getting back to the activities I love to do – snowboarding, cycling and playing soccer with my kids.

~Kelly



FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

STRONG KIDS RAISES \$533,638

Thanks to the generous contributions of the community, the Strong Kids Campaign has raised \$533,638. **As one of the leading nonprofits for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, the Y depends on financial gifts to do its vital work so that everyone regardless of age, income or background, has access to Y programs and services.** Thank you to all of our members, donors, volunteers and staff for your support. We could not have done this alone.

At the Y, we believe when people have a place to feel welcome, have someone to encourage them, and the opportunities to participate in activities that interest them, they are more likely to identify and achieve their personal goals. The Y is about moving us all forward and it takes a community that cares to do it.

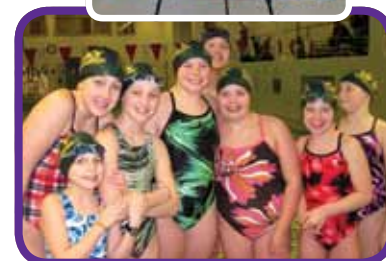


250,000 YARDS TO \$5,973

The Green Bay Y swim team hosted their first ever Strong Kids "Swim-A-Long" on February 9, 2011. Members of the team went to family, friends, neighbors and others to ask for pledges based on how many lengths they completed. Swimmers were able to tell their Y stories while getting pledges or donations for the Swim-A-Long.

To show their support of the Swim-A-Long, the swim team parent committee gave each swimmer a green and gold swim cap. Most of the 130 team members and their families participated. **This first-year event raised over \$5,973 for Strong Kids.**

The Green Bay Y swim team looks forward to making this a focal point for the swim team's involvement and support. The Downtown YMCA will hoist the swim team's Strong Kids banner soon, and the swim team is going to make a big night of this event. Hopefully they can continually raise a banner year after year.



HEALTHY KIDS DAY

Healthy Kids Day was held May 7th at Shopko Hall. It was another great success this year with over 2,000 children enjoying activities including, hula hoops, rock climbing, bounce houses, youth sports, Zumba, Radio Disney, various health screenings, family walk/run, bicycle rodeo and 750 free bike helmets donated by Habush, Habush & Rottier, S.C.

Healthy Kids Day is a nationwide YMCA effort to encourage kids to get out of the house and away from their television and computers.

Please check out the Green Bay YMCA's website - greenbayymca.org - for a complete list of sponsors and great photos of all the activities.



CAMP U-NAH-LI-YA GENERATIONS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya is a bustling year round camp facility providing opportunities for thousands of children to grow in their independence, confidence and self-esteem. Summer resident camp and family programs incorporate YMCA core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility providing character building experiences that truly transform lives. Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya also serves over 65 area schools in our Outdoor Environmental Education Program. While entire classrooms of children are enjoying camp and community living skills, they are also developing leadership, independence, and a respect and greater awareness of nature.

The Green Bay YMCA has launched the Generations Capital Campaign to improve and update current facilities and infrastructure at Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya. The time has come to invest in our children, invest in our families, and invest in the future of Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya. Visit www.uniegenerations.com for more information and to learn how you can help ensure future generations have the opportunity to develop leadership skills, independence, a respect and greater awareness of nature and build lifetime memories at Camp Unie.

