



# Waldo County YMCA

★ We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities. ★

December 10, 2009

Dear YMCA Friend,

The severe economic downturn has created hardship for many of our local families. The demand for financial assistance and programs continues to grow. **We will always be here to serve our communities, in good times and bad but we need your help** to be sure that funds are available to continue assistance to local children, adults and families. Please take immediate action and join our team of Annual Support Campaign donors and know that your gift does make a difference.

**Creating opportunities...** this is what the YMCA does each and every day with your help. Since 1977, The Waldo County YMCA has given thousands of individuals and families the opportunity to enrich their lives through Y programs and services. Through your generosity, children can build self-esteem and discover personal talents at the Y. Teens connect with peers and positive role models while learning leadership skills. The skills the youth learn while they are involved with the Y are skills that they can take with them as they venture out into the world.

Through October 2009 we have granted more than \$61,000 in financial assistance, serving nearly 510 children and families. We expect our scholarship offerings to reach nearly \$75,000, representing a 100% increase over the allocated budget. **We do not receive any federal or state tax dollars. We do not receive any monetary support from the national YMCA. The assistance is all generated locally.**

The **TEEN ACCESS** program allows no-cost access to the facility and teen activities after school each day from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Any student in middle or high school is eligible. In the 2008-2009 school year we had nearly 250 students signed up for this free program. Teens benefit in many ways from this program, many of them would be home alone and unsupervised after school without this option.

Thank you for your continued support of the Waldo County YMCA. It is crucial to the mission of the YMCA to assist our friends and neighbors in their time of need, so please consider a contribution, in any amount you can, to the Annual Support Campaign today. We know we are making a difference and having a positive impact. Together we will build strong kids, strong families and a strong community! As always your contribution is tax deductible.

Sincerely,

*Dale Cross*  
Dale Cross  
Executive Director

*Charles E. Erb*  
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Chief Volunteer Officer

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