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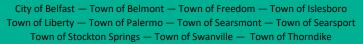


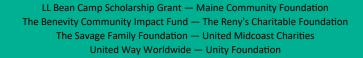




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- \$55—Ensures one family can afford swim lessons
- \$30—Provides one day of healthy snacks for After School Care and Teen Time

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It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of long-time Teen Director, Sandi Roman. Sandi passed in August 2023. She is survived by her husband and 2 sons. The WCY celebrates Sandi's legacy and impact on our Y community with gratitude and pride.

*WCY warmly welcomed Directors, Carolyn Steeves and Jonathan Susee in 2022!

GROWING OUR AQUATICS PROGRAM

Our First Grade Swim Safety Program restarted in 2022, and served approximately 250 first-graders from 10 Waldo County schools during the 2022-2023 school year.

Each class made two visits to the Y pool, learning water safety, swimming basics, and how to respond in an emergency.

The YMCA worked with community partners to make the Therapy Pool available for other special programs, such as Waldo County Hospital Pediatric Physical Therapy and Lifeskills Swims— coordinated with both Searsport Middle School and Mount View Elementary.

Bluefish Swim Team practices and Swim Meets were held in-person again post-COVID. And, thanks to our ability to hire and maintain staffing, we were able to keep our Lap Pool open from 5:30am to 7:00pm. All together we have been able to extend our pool hours by about 15 hours per week throughout the year.

JAMESON'S BLUEFISH STORY

At the Bluefish Swim Team Banquet, Jameson LaMaster proclaimed, "Bluefish was the best thing that has happened to me!" While he may not be the only person who thinks that way, he has very specific reasons for his feelings.

Jameson was in 5th grade this year and has been a regular at the Y since 2019. In the mornings, he can be found playing with Legos or drawing. In the afternoons, he participates in dodgeball or talks with friends. One thing that sets Jameson apart is that he has Spina bifida and uses a wheelchair.

Jameson had always loved being in the water. The childcare staff noticed and encouraged him to try Bluefish. His mom, Ali, wasn't so sure, but said, "I'm going to let him try it."

Coach John LeVesque remembered those first practices, "Jameson would get in, but he couldn't swim a full length of the pool. It took time to build a stroke and his confidence so that he could make it from one end to the other without touching the side." By the end of the season, he was competing in the 50yd freestyle.

At his first meet, Jameson sat on the dive platform, preparing to begin. When the announcer said his name, the natatorium erupted in applause. It was a proud moment for Jameson, for his coaches, and for our YMCA.

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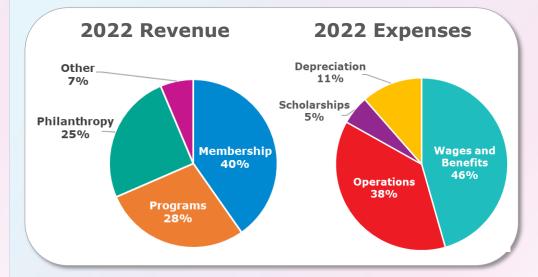
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MISSON:

To promote the physical, mental, social, and spiritual development of Waldo County children and families.

OUR CAUSE:

The Y is a powerful association of men, women, and children of all ages and from all walks of life joined together by a shared passion:

TO STRENGTHEN THE FOUNDATION OF COMMUNITY.

AREAS OF FOCUS:

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:

Nurturing the potential of every child and teen.

HEALTHY LIVING:

Improving the nation's health and well-being.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

Giving back & providing support to our neighbors.

CORE VALUES:

CARING: Show a sincere concern for others. **HONESTY:** Be truthful in what you say and do.

RESPECT: Treat others the way you would want to be treated. **RESPONSIBILITY:** Be accountable for your promises and actions.

2022 WCY MEMBERS SERVED INCLUDED MORE THAN



1.508 Adults

age 18-64







1,200 Seniors age 65+



50 Adults employed

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



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Children served in Little Learner's Preschool program



50+

Students in Bus Stop and Aftercare



300

Summer Campers fed 2,500+ healthy meals



62

6th Graders in the free Teen Time program

HEALTHY LIVING



600+ Kids took part in

Kids took part in youth sports leagues, clinics, and camps



450

Adults participated in one of nine leagues or practices



170

People took swim lessons and 75 youth swam on the Bluefish team



35+

Different exercise and fitness classes offered each week

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



6000 lbs

Of food collected and distributed from monthly food drives



600+

Seniors took part in Active Older Adult (AOA) monthly Luncheons



1200

People from the community came to our Y Trunk or Treat event



58

Partnerships with local organizations across all major sectors