



YMCA CENTRE FOR LIFE

COMMUNITY BUILDING CAMPAIGN



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In this edition of the Community Building Campaign newsletter, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to the Community Building Campaign, whether through their time, investment, or dedication. Your generosity will make a meaningful difference in the lives of so many, and we are deeply grateful for your support. As we approach the holiday season, we wish you a time filled with love, laughter, and the warmth of knowing you've played a crucial role in building a stronger, healthier community.



(L-R) Doug Peterson, Mark Phillips, Cassandra Bonn, Kevin Beatty, Kristin Crowe, John Mastorakos and David Allen

Generous Investment Powers YMCA Centre for Life

The YMCA of Central East Ontario is celebrating a transformative milestone with a generous investment from The Beatty Family Charitable Foundation to support the YMCA Centre for Life. This significant contribution will play a vital role in bringing the 60,000 sq. ft. facility to life to meet the health, wellness, and community needs of Belleville and surrounding areas.

Kevin Beatty said his family was motivated to support the project as "the YMCA has been a wonderful promoter of healthy communities in Belleville, but it's clear that a newer, bigger Y is necessary to deliver expanded services across the region. The Centre for Life addresses these

needs and will be a tremendous resource for years to come. The Beatty Foundation is proud to be associated with such a worthy project."

"We are incredibly grateful for the Beatty family's generous support," said David Allen, President and CEO of YMCA of Central East Ontario. "Their investment enables us to build a state-of-the-art facility that will expand our reach and impact, ensuring everyone in our community has access to the resources they need to lead healthier, happier lives."

The new facility will feature specialized spaces such as a lap pool, gymnasium, and partner

areas to support a diverse range of programs. The Centre for Life will provide health and wellness services, rehabilitative healthcare in collaboration with local hospitals, and community support through partnerships.

Ed Lehtinen, Co-Chair of the Community Building Campaign, emphasized the project's long-term impact, stating, "The YMCA Centre for Life is a bold step forward in creating a healthier, more connected community."

Kristin Crowe Receives 2024 YMCA Peace Medal

The YMCA is excited to announce that Community Building Campaign Co-Chair Kristin Crowe received the 2024 YMCA Peace Medal on December 9th, in recognition of her exceptional contributions to promoting peace, social justice, and community well-being. This prestigious award honours individuals whose leadership and dedication make a lasting impact in their communities.

Kristin's work, both with the YMCA and in broader community initiatives, reflects her commitment to empowering others and creating positive change; her efforts embody the values of the Peace Medal. Kristin shares a deep passion for building an inclusive, peaceful community and inspiring others to take action. Congratulations, Kristin, on this well-deserved recognition!



(L-R) David Allen, President & CEO, Kristin Crowe 2024 Peace Medal Recipient, John Enright Jr., Chair, YMCA of CEO Board of Directors



(L-R) Lynn Livingston, VP Finance & IT, Rick Watt, Red Nose Coordinator, Patricia Guernsey, Co-Chair of Red Nose Quinte and donor, Sandy Hope, YMCA Board member and volunteer with Red Nose David Allen, President & CEO

Help Build a Stronger Community with Operation Red Nose

Once again, this holiday season, YMCA Central East Ontario is excited to partner with Operation Red Nose. Known for its safe rides program during the holidays, Operation Red Nose embodies the spirit of community care and generosity. Through this collaboration, every donation and sponsorship will help support not just a safer holiday season, but a brighter future for our community.

Funds raised through Operation Red Nose will ensure that children and families are able to access YMCA programs and services in our community, regardless of their financial situation.

Together, we can grow stronger, ensuring that the YMCA remains a welcoming space for health, learning, and connection for years to come. Whether you volunteer, donate, or use

the Operation Red Nose service, your support makes a difference.

Join us in building a community where everyone belongs. Visit rednosequinte.ca to learn how you can get involved or donate to the Building a Community Capital Campaign today. Together, let's drive toward a stronger, more inclusive future!