



WEST SUBURBAN YMCA OUR COMMUNITY'S BACKYARD

The West Suburban YMCA provides a nurturing place for kids, families, and adults of all ages to stay active and have fun – right on Church Street in the heart of Newton Corner. Members and program participants benefit from all the amenities our Y offers both indoors and out- a modern fitness center, full sized gymnasium, two pools, auditorium, classroom space, the New Balance Track and Field, a playground, and even a wooded area for traditional summer camp activities like archery and arts and crafts.

Year-round activities enable participants across the lifespan to develop as leaders, focus on health and wellness, and experience a sense of belonging in our welcoming community. From group exercise classes, to youth basketball, to Livestrong at the YMCA for cancer survivors, we employ every inch of our property to provide something for everybody. Nowhere is this more true than at Camp Pikati, our uniquely affordable, high-quality, local summer camp option. Parents have peace-of-mind knowing their children are in a safe, caring atmosphere, while kids are unplugged from technology, engaged in activities designed to foster healthy youth development, and interacting with a diverse group of peers.

Outdoor space has become the heartbeat of the Y in all seasons, as our community has searched for new ways to enjoy the outdoors in all weather. Flag football in snowpants, spin class under the tent, and personal training wearing a winter hat have become symbols of resilience and healthy living under difficult circumstances. As added benefit, these outdoor activities reduce strain on critical indoor space.

Today, you have the opportunity to help us continue to provide the environment that ensures all members in our community can practice healthy habits and build a foundation for a strong future, here in Newton's backyard.





IMPROVING A COMMUNITY ASSET

Recognizing the growing needs of our community, we have capital plans to improve the physical environment of the Y and enhance the Y experience. Our plans will ensure an enriching experience for decades to come. Improvements will benefit Y members, participants, and campers year-round. And we look to you to help us make this happen.



10,000 individuals
join and participate in the Y each year.

We provide over \$400,000 of scholarship assistance
annually to ensure no one is turned away.

Capital plans include:

Opportunities for All: ADAPTIVE PLAYGROUND AND SPLASH PAD

A cornerstone of our philosophy is that kids are loved for who they are and deserve to feel a true sense of belonging. With your support, we can build **an adaptive playground that will allow children with varied abilities to have fun and play alongside friends, new and old.** This playground will enhance our year-round youth development programs and will be available to Y families, providing all kids a chance to play, see past their differences and find joy in their similarities.

A new splash pad will offer a cool respite on hot summer days, and an opportunity for all kids to play and have fun.

Space to Gather, Run and Play: NEW BALANCE TRACK AND FIELD

Our field is the center of our group exercise, sports, and camp programs. During the summer, it is where all children and counselors come together in community to start and close the day. Kids and adults experience teamwork, develop sportsmanship, and stay active. Community members and youth sports participants are able to use the track and field year-round, supporting active lifestyles. **Our track and field provide the environment for fun, healthy activities and are in need of an update to continue to be a safe space to run and play.**

Providing Comfort and Safety: OUTDOOR BATHROOMS

The safety and comfort of the children in our care are a top priority. **New outdoor bathrooms will ensure convenient access and fewer breaks in the camp day or during outdoor sports activities.** Counselors will be able to spend more time creating fun and memories for campers and less time with trips to the indoor bathroom. Outdoor bathrooms will also reduce strain on indoor facilities and enhance relationships with community partners.

Total Need: \$ 1 million



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Your support will have a lasting impact on the thousands of children who will come together for decades of summers to come. You can help us build on tradition, enhance and preserve a community asset, and keep the camp spirit alive in the hearts and minds of generations of campers.

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Andy Gluck – parent of counselors and WSYMCA Board Member

“Pikati is a unique community asset, serving an incredibly diverse group of kids and families. This affordable, safe and fun camp, fits in perfectly with our mission of Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility! The scholarship assistance provided to dozens of families each year ensures more kids can have a camping experience.

“As an educator, I can see how Y camping fosters independence even more than school, due in part to programming choice during the course of the day. When kids get dropped off at the track on a summer morning, you can see the pride in their waves goodbye to Mom or Dad.

“Pikati provides financial scholarship assistance to families each summer to give their kids a camping experience. Both of my children started work at the camp and learned great skills managing groups, creating activities and learning teamwork.”



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