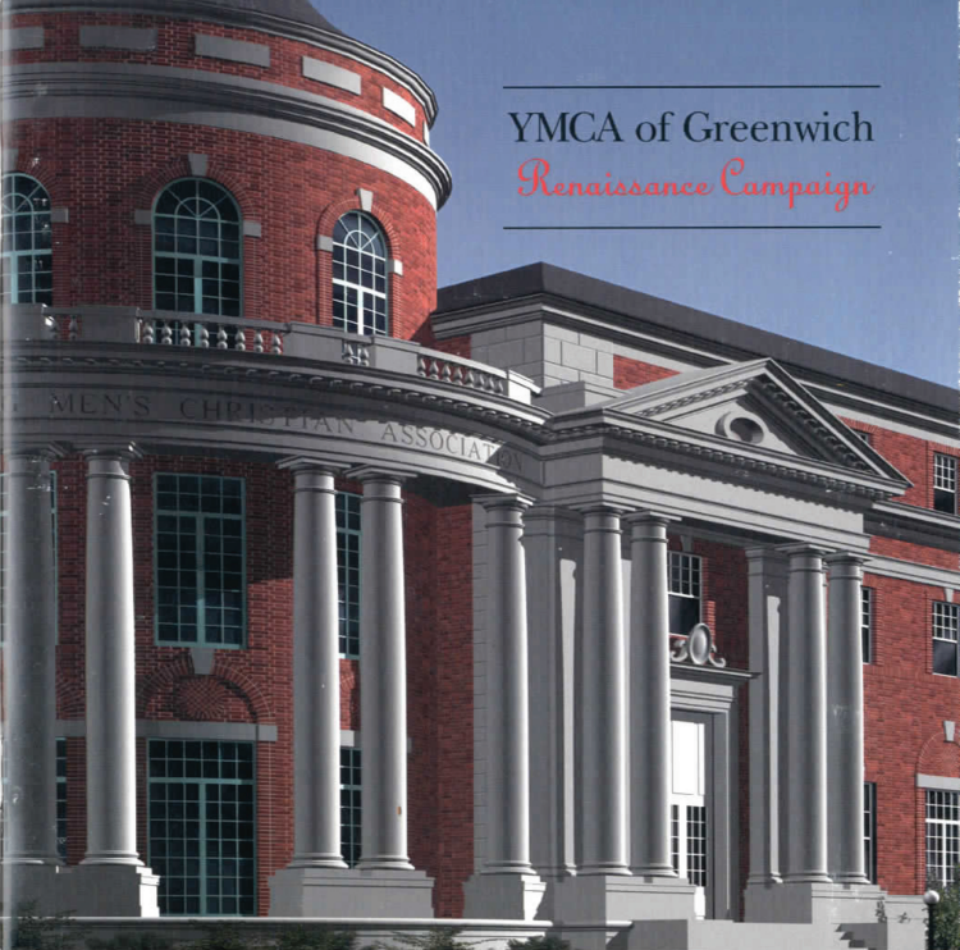

YMCA of Greenwich
Renaissance Campaign





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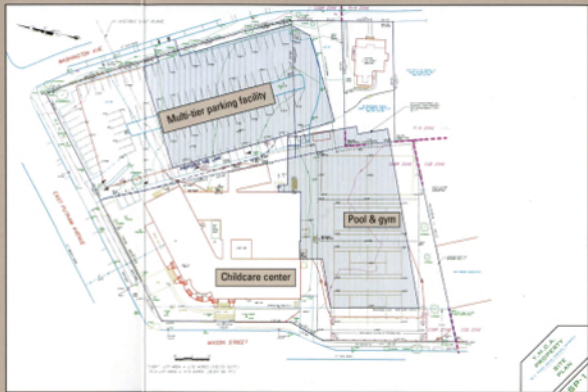
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Areas to be developed in the Renaissance Campaign are as follows:

- Childcare Center:** The new full-day childcare center will serve 60 3.5 year olds in the main building, thus freeing up space in our leased sites to accommodate more infants.
- Olympic-size pool and 11,000 square foot gymnasium:** These facilities will enable the Y to meet the needs of children and adults in Greenwich with more space for competitive events and family-focused activities.
- Multi-tier parking facility:** This structure will more than double our current parking capacity, making it easier for members and guests to utilize the Y. Secluded and unobtrusive, the structure will blend well with the surrounding environment.
- Renovated building:** A complete renovation of the Y's main building will bring it into the 21st century yet maintain its historic status.





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When it was built in 1916, the YMCA of Greenwich was considered one of the most beautiful YMCAs in the country. Made possible through the generous funding and vision of Rebecca Witherell, in memory of her husband Nathaniel, the Y soon became a focal point of the community and remained strong for many years, filling an important role in this town, not only as a physical fitness facility, but as an educational and therapeutic center, day camp, childcare center and numerous other capacities.

Eighty-four years later, and entering a new millennium, things have never looked better for the YMCA of Greenwich. Membership is growing rapidly. The Y has 5,800 members, including more than 400 families. 2,252 kids participate in sports, 1,425 take swimming lessons, 180 go to camp and 460 are in preschool day care and after-school care. The adult fitness center has expanded twice in two years.

Programs are growing non-stop. More programs were added in 1998 than most Ys add in five years: Youth gymnastics, postnatal exercise, yoga, t-ball, Indian Guides and Indian Princesses, Youth in Government, a youth swim team and many programs for seniors. All have been successful.



Finances are solid. The budget is \$3.6 million and operates with a small annual surplus. Total assets are \$5.2 million, the endowment fund has \$1.5 million and there is no long-term debt.

Over 200 volunteers now serve as coaches, board and committee members, advisory council members and fundraisers. The annual support campaign has grown from \$30,000 to over \$250,000 annually in the last three years. Corporate support is also growing.

Aided by United Way funding and increased annual support, financial aid is being given to more people than ever before.

More than \$125,000 in scholarships was awarded in 1999.

The Y is an organization poised to build for the future - a future that benefits everyone in Greenwich. It overflows with people of all ages learning, developing healthy values and getting fit.

The Y's four core values of *Honesty, Caring, Respect, Responsibility* have been instilled into everything our staff does. From childcare to basketball leagues to camp, boys and girls develop character while they have fun.

Our potential is tremendous. However, after 84 years of serving the community, the Y's historic building is bursting at the seams and badly in need of repair. John Eikrem, YMCA CEO, and the Board of Directors are determined to revitalize this precious community resource. Their goal for Greenwich: a YMCA *Renaissance*. With a renovated and expanded facility, we will have one of the finest YMCAs in the country.



YMCA *Renaissance Campaign*

Members of every age come to the Greenwich Y to build a healthy spirit, mind and body. More than 750 of them walk through the doors every day.

Here's what they do:

Day Care— Full day childcare is offered for 138 children at two sites, from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., five days a week, to babies through youngsters five years old.

After-School Care — Some 345 kids attend Y programs at 6 sites after school that allow mom and dad to work without worrying about their children's welfare.

Summer Day Camp — Camp for 1st through 5th graders allows more than 100 youngsters to participate in arts and crafts, sports, computer workshops, field trips and more. Teen Camp is held at a local Boy Scout facility and serves more than 80 kids each week.

Youth Sports — The Y offers a whopping 25 programs, both instructional and competitive, from gymnastics and basketball to swimming.

Swimming Instruction — Approximately 1,500 boys and girls will learn to swim, or swim better, this year.

Indian Guides and Indian Princesses — These parent-child programs give kids five to nine years old and their fathers a chance to bond, play and learn together. Started in 1998, the program has grown by almost 30% to include 90 participants.

Youth in Government — We teach teens how government works, and give them leadership responsibilities, by involving them in mock legislative sessions with teens from other areas.



Wellness Center — Adults get fit and stay fit by using a wide variety of cardiovascular and strength-training machines.

Adult Sports — The Y's basketball, volleyball, racquetball, handball and outdoor tennis courts are a beehive of activity.

Adult Swimming — Lap swimming, water aerobics and a new USS masters swim team are active programs.

Adult Aerobics Classes — Adults improve their health through a variety of classes.

Active Older Adult Programs — We offer strength training, walking, aquatic exercise, badminton and stretching classes specifically for seniors.

Programs for every age group have multiplied. One of the greatest things our Y can continue to do is build character in children and adults. The key is having better facilities so the Y can provide family programs. The bonds within families are disappearing. The Y can help recover them and help foster good parenting.

So much potential. . .

The Y's *Renaissance* is at a turning point.

Now is the time to turn *potential* into *reality*.





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The *Renaissance Campaign* is an ambitious one. Our Y—our community and our kids shouldn't have anything less.

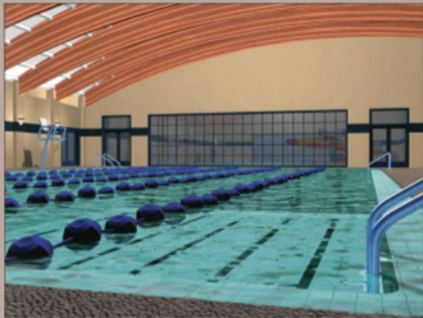
Here's what we intend to do:

- Build an Olympic-size swimming pool in an addition to our existing building: Fifty meters long, eight lanes wide, a diving well with a three-meter board, bleachers, and a movable bulkhead that acts as a deck when separating the pool in halves.

The pool will enable greatly expanded youth and masters swim teams, lap swimming and many adult classes, synchronized swimming and water polo. It will attract top coaches for our Y's teams and top coaches and swimmers for meets and clinics. It will be the centerpiece of the new Y and a recognized regional aquatic center.

- Renovate the existing swimming pool.

We will level the pool so that it is uniformly three feet deep. The filtration, ventilation, lighting, heating, electrical and plumbing systems will be overhauled; the deck and walls will be renovated; and the balcony will be eliminated. A warm water pool will be ideal for swimming classes and rehabilitation programs such as arthritis aquatics.





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Olympic-sized lap pool

A running/walking track (just 12 laps to the mile), with a stretching area, will be above the gym, sited so it doesn't interfere with arching basketball shots from below.



Multi-purpose room

- Renovate the existing gym. As with the existing pool, the current gym will be completely renovated, including the elimination of the small running track and bleachers. In addition, a 720-square-foot multi-purpose room for teen and senior programs will be built adjacent to the gym.

- Build a new gymnasium in the same addition over the new swimming pool. This 11,900-square-foot facility can be used for major competitive events or it can be divided into two sections with a rolling wall. Each section is capable of handling a basketball game, a youth sports program, or a volleyball match.

Gymnasium



Climbing wall

During the day, the gym will be primarily used as a gymnastics center. At other hours, family and teen programs will have a home. A new climbing wall will be a great way to foster self-confidence and develop closer bonds as family members rely on each other as they climb.

- Add a full-day childcare center in the existing building. This 2,200-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility will give our Ya home for day care in our building. The new center will serve 60 three- to five-year-olds in three classrooms. This facility will complement our off-site locations. Together, our facilities will be able to serve almost 200 youngsters ages six weeks to five years.

The on-site location will allow preschoolers to use our new gym and swimming pool — two great facilities to help them develop motor skills, learn how to play together and grow emotionally. These features will be unique among day-care centers in the area.



Childcare center for preschoolers



Fitness center

- Renovate the remainder of the existing building. A completely new layout for our building will be complemented by a major renovation of the building's plumbing, electrical and heating systems. The addition of new flooring, wall coverings and other aesthetic features, new furnishings and other elements will bring the building up to 21st Century standards. It will be modern, but retain some of its Neo-Federal style inside. An entry ramp and an elevator will be added for handicapped access.



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- Purchase an existing full-facility overnight camp, ideally, in collaboration with other area Ys. The camp, will be located in western Connecticut or Massachusetts.
- Expand parking. Even now the Y needs more parking, however with new programs bringing in new members, increased parking will be a priority. Our plan is to expand parking from 115 to approximately 200 spaces.



The Y intends to fully fund this project. Free of long-term debt, we want to remain that way so all of our income can be used to serve the community.

The *Renaissance Campaign* project will be funded in part by selling Galf Island. We plan to sell the island to U.S. Fish and Wildlife, which will preserve it in its natural state and still allow public access. We expect to receive approximately \$6 million for the island. We must look to our friends for the remaining \$10 million.

\$10 million may seem like a tremendous sum. But is it? Think about all the children, adults

and families who will benefit from the Y year after year when we complete the *Renaissance*. Think of the impact on our community. Think of the opportunity to change lives, to better society.



\$10 million now seems like a small sum for so much good.

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