



# Y News Quarterly

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## YMCA of Cecil County

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### A Message from our Executive Director...

The YMCA of Cecil County believes that everyone should have the opportunity to become members, participate in programs, and enjoy the YMCA experience regardless of one's socio-economic background. Therefore, financial scholarships play an integral part in the YMCA mission.

As indication of the economy, we have almost surpassed last year's total scholarship amount. The YMCA is privileged to play our part in the community, by offering financial assistance. For instance, 10% of the 300 children participating in Jaguar football & cheerleading are on 100% full scholarships.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual YMCA Golf Tournament Fundraiser was held on Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at Chesapeake Bay Golf Club in Rising Sun. We enjoyed a beautiful day for the golf outing, and had a playing field of 115 golfers. In addition, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to over 70 sponsors of this year's event for their continued support.

*George C. Patchell*

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Executive Director  
YMCA of Cecil County, Inc.

## GENERAL NEWS

**SPECIAL THANKS-** The YMCA Jaguar Football and Cheerleading program would like to thank Mr. Tom Mills and Universal Mortgage & Financial, Inc. for the generous donation of \$5,200 for a football scoreboard. The Jaguar program has 300 children participating this year that will benefit from this donation.

Once again, the YMCA will be teaming up with the Cecil County Help Center for the upcoming holiday seasons. This fall we will be placing our autumn tree in the front lobby for those individual's wishing to donate food, coats, mittens, and hats. After Thanksgiving, our Angel Tree will be decorated, and ready for toy donations. Again, these programs are in conjunction with the Cecil County Help Center, and are distributed to needy individuals and families in Cecil County.

Just a reminder, our Perryville site opened on Monday, March 3, 2008. We offer a variety of programs at this site, which is located at Cifaldo Community Center on Elm Street in downtown Perryville. There were over 50 children enrolled in our summer camp program, and currently almost every aerobic class is filled to capacity. See our program guide for more information.

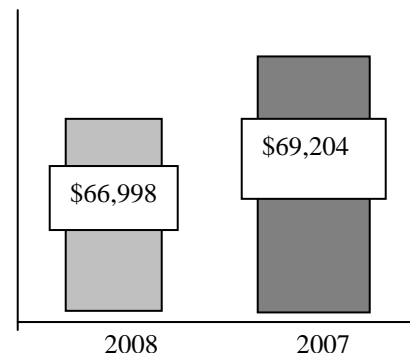
## Wish List...

The YMCA of Cecil County has the following items on its "Wish List" for 2008:

- TV sets
- VCR's
- Ping Pong Table
- Computers
- DVD's
- Printers

Donations are greatly needed and appreciated!

## Scholarship Total



## Program News...

*From the Desk of John Kampes, Program Director*

**GYMNASTICS-** The YMCA will once again offer youth gymnastics beginning on September 8<sup>th</sup>. This program is structured to develop confidence, coordination, balance and flexibility through basic tumbling and gymnastics skills.

**YOUTH BASKETBALL-** Recreational Youth Basketball League registrations will begin in September. Players are taught basketball fundamentals and given the opportunity to demonstrate their learned skills in games. Practices will begin in November.

**FIELD HOCKEY-** The YMCA will offer a fall outdoor field hockey program. It will include instructional time during the week and "play days" on specified Sundays.

**VOLLEYBALL-** Youth Volleyball is back!! The YMCA will offer youth volleyball in September once again. Players are taught volleyball fundamentals and given the opportunity to demonstrate their learned skills in controlled scrimmages.

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United Way



### News from the Front (Desk)...

Amanda Harding, Office Manager

With school now in session, the air turning crisp and the trees starting to shed their leaves, why not think about a fresh start for yourself...with an exercise program that is! We offer a variety of great programs such as yoga, pilates, body sculpting and youth fitness classes just to name a few. I personally recommend the new Capoeira class (see Aerobics brochure for details)! With the children's X-er game room open for ages 6-13, we now have something for the whole family to keep active! Please see our friendly front desk staff to register or inquire about any of our programs.

### Kids Corner:

Sally Levison, Child Care Director

We had a very successful summer all of our full day preschool programs were full with a waiting list. We are still enrolling in our half day 3 year old class as well as our full day 4 year old preschool. The other class rooms are full. Our Leeds Before and After program has started with all 54 spaces full and a waiting list. There are two new staff members in our Leeds B/A program: Peggy Wharton, Annette Palumbo, and Lisa Lougheed will be returning... This years wrapping paper fund raiser will take place the week of October 13<sup>th</sup>. Class pictures are scheduled place November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Our Scholastic Book Fair begins the first week in November. Stop by and take a look at the books.

### In the Swim of Things...

Matt Wilson, Aquatics Director

Enrollments for all aquatics swim lessons and exercise classes continues to be high - therefore to ensure a spot in these popular classes, please register ASAP. The next swim lesson session starts September 29<sup>th</sup>. The water fitness starts a new session October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Cecil County Dolphins Swim Team registration is currently in progress. The Dolphins will be starting practice on Monday September 15; practices are scheduled from 5:30-7:30 PM on each weekday evening (M-F). Younger/inexperienced swimmers may be placed in practice groups from 5:30-6:30 PM or from 6:30-7:30 PM. Older/more experienced swimmers will be placed in practice groups which run from 5:45-7:30 PM. Practices are NOT mandatory, but usually the more you practice - the better you will become. Join in the FUN, register today!!

The pool will be closing for three Dolphin home swim meets. The dates are: Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, January 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of 2009. The pool will be closed for two more swim team functions, those dates have yet to be determined. Flyers will be posted with all the finalized dates and times.

Two lifeguarding classes are set for the remainder of 2008, September and November. There will also be a class in February of 2009. All pertinent and required certifications (i.e., CPR, First Aid and Lifeguarding) are taught in the course.

### Fitness Fun...

Janice Gavin, Fitness Director

Our personal trainers have been very busy this summer and are gearing up for a very busy fall. No excuse.. The **YMCA of Cecil County** is equipped to meet your **fitness** needs as well as a wide variety of family fun. Yoga, gymnastics, karate, Safesitter classes, guitar lessons, **aerobic** classes from beginner to hard core to kick you in gear classes. We offer step classes and Capoeira and will be introducing Zumba this fall. Don't forget, we have Bus Trips to New York City and so much more. Come and join the **FUN!**

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