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2024 IMPACT REPORT
YMCA OF MONTCLAIR

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Dear Friends,

As we reflect on 2024, we are immensely grateful for you — for your generosity, your trust, and your vision as we worked together in service to meet the evolving needs of our neighbors.

Together, we deepened our impact, expanded our reach, and ensured that our Y continues to be an equitable, inclusive, and empowering space of **belonging for all** members of our community.

In 2024, we:

- **awarded** more than \$630,000 in direct financial assistance for essential programs like childcare, swim lessons, and summer camp.
- **served** 11% more kids and families in our School Age Child Care sites and Early Learning Center.
- **supported** seniors with new and diverse opportunities to connect and stay active, such as the addition of the Arthritis Aquatics Program and Mahjong Club.
- **expanded** teen programming to engage 28% more young people in initiatives such as Pathways, Leaders Club, and Youth & Government.
- **invested** in new equipment and facility enhancements to support the health and wellness of our members.
- **broke ground** in the first phase of construction at our YMCA Outdoor Education Center in West Milford.

This impact was only possible with the unwavering support and shared purpose of our Y's members, staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners. **THANK YOU.**

Please join us as we continue to strengthen the foundations of our community. 2025 marks a landmark year for our Y — **kicking off the centennial anniversary of our Park Street branch** — and we look forward to all we will accomplish together.

Warmly,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marjorie Pierre-Merritt".

Marjorie Pierre-Merritt
Chief Volunteer Officer



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Buddy Evans".

Buddy Evans
President and CEO

SERVING

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TOWNS IN OUR SERVICE AREA

Bloomfield, Bloomingdale, Clifton, Cedar Grove,
Glen Ridge, Haskell, Hewitt, Montclair, Verona,
Wanaque, and West Milford

19,233
MEMBERS

697
EMPLOYEES

1,240
DONORS





TEACHING IN OUR POOLS

📍 4,305

Youth and Adults Learning Water Safety

Our Y is committed to saving lives by teaching kids and adults in our community to be strong, confident swimmers. Through our leadership in swim lessons and water safety education, we take action to reduce and prevent drownings.

In 2024, we also delivered our annual Safety Around Water initiative to 133 non-swimmers at our Park Street Y in Montclair and our YMCA Outdoor Education Center in West Milford.



📍 271

Swim Team Members

The Montclair Dolphins foster healthy, confident, and value-driven young people through athletics, discipline, and teamwork.



EMPOWERING YOUTH

📍 1,759

Children in School Age Child Care

YMCA programs in the Montclair, Bloomfield, and Verona public school districts provide a critical resource for working parents in need of safe, enriching childcare before and after school — as well as during school breaks. Students receive homework assistance and participate in a robust curriculum including art and STEM enrichment.

📍 153

Teens Reaching Their Full Potential

At such a critical time in their lives, teens in our community come to the Y for opportunities to expand their interests and talents outside of the classroom. Through a variety of extracurricular programs — 7th Grade Initiative, Leaders Club, Pathways, Youth & Government, Model UN, and the Quest Summer Program — teens learn, build confidence, and connect with mentors in a safe, supportive environment.

📍 1,645

Summer Campers

Every summer, children build confidence, develop character, and make lifelong memories with the Y. **In 2024, the Y's financial assistance program provided 105 children with the opportunity to attend camp.**

📍 1,013

Children in Sports Programs

From our Y's own competitive swim and basketball teams — go Dolphins and Panthers! — to our diverse schedule of after-school youth sports classes, kids have a blast as they hone their athletic abilities and acquire lifelong skills while learning the value of camaraderie and teamwork.

📍 161

Children in ELC

Our youngest Y members develop curiosity, confidence, and creativity in the Geyer Family YMCA's Early Learning Center. Dedicated teachers nurture children from infancy through preschool and empower them for future success.



SUPPORTING HEALTHY LIVING

📍 1,982

Adults 65+

Every day, seniors foster health, community, and connection at the Y. By offering a busy calendar of senior-oriented group exercise classes, social events, community health lectures, and activities, the Y creates a space for active older adults to nourish their physical and mental wellbeing.

📍 368,341

Facility Check-Ins

Each day, we welcome members into our facilities to exercise, socialize, learn, and engage as a community.

📍 2,647

Group Exercise Classes Attended

Our community stays active in dynamic group exercise classes taught by inspiring instructors, all available to members at no additional cost. From Chair Yoga to Athletic Conditioning and Pickleball to Zumba, our offerings span all levels and interests.

📍 198

Individuals Fighting Chronic Disease

Our Y supports individuals facing chronic disease with vital no-cost programming, including the YMCA Diabetes Prevention Program, the Arthritis Aquatics Exercise Program and specialized group exercise classes such as Enhance® Fitness and Parkinson's-friendly Adaptive Exercise.

📍 861

Montclair Run Participants

861 runners — plus dozens of volunteers, sponsors, and community supporters — came together for the 41st Annual Montclair Run, benefiting our Y's Community Health Programs. Our 2024 Run honored the memory of longtime Y employee Betsy Smith, a fixture of our Welcome Center for 25 years, as well as a beloved community leader and advocate.



IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITY

📍 156

Volunteers

Volunteers play a central role in advancing the Y's mission. From assisting with special events and Days of Service to providing support at school age child care sites and summer camps, volunteers give their time and talent to make our community stronger. **In 2024, our volunteers logged 2,493 hours in service to strengthen our community.**

📍 1,200

Neighbors Supported

On our annual MLK Day of Service, our Y's teen program participants assembled personal hygiene kits with supplies donated by our members and community partners. Kits were distributed to families who experience housing insecurity by Family Promise of Essex County.

📍 252

Lives Saved

In partnership with the American Red Cross, our Y hosted three blood drives to support patients facing critical illness and injuries.

📍 216

Community Members Trained in Lifesaving Skills

Community members, staff, and volunteers receive specialized training at the Y to become certified in First Aid, CPR, and Lifeguarding.

📍 127

Families Connected to Nutrition Assistance

In 2024 our Y was named a "SNAP Navigator" by the New Jersey Department of Human Services. As such, our staff provided expert resources and application assistance to low-income individuals and families eligible for SNAP benefits.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE



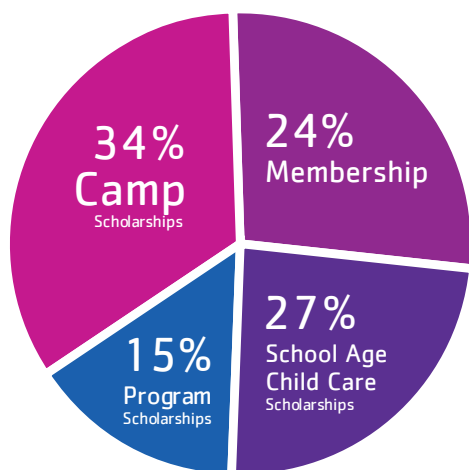
"I love being part of the Y's prediabetes program and the sense of community it creates. It motivates me to make healthy changes. I really appreciate the friendly atmosphere and the wonderful staff members and class leaders at the Y."

- Y Diabetes Prevention Program,
2024 Cohort Participant



"The Y helped my teen establish key essential leadership skills. The staff were the best —providing guidance, motivation, and self-confidence."

-Parent of YMCA Quest
Program Participant



**TOTAL FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE AWARDED —
\$631,590**

HERE FOR ALL, HERE FOR GOOD

At the YMCA of Montclair, we believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential. Our commitment to strengthening community by connecting people to their potential, purpose, and each other begins with ensuring that everyone has access to the resources and opportunities to thrive.

The YMCA of Montclair is proud to be able to provide direct financial assistance to our neighbors — made possible through the generosity of our Y's Annual Campaign donors, community partners, and proceeds from special fundraising events.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

REVENUE, GAINS AND SUPPORT

TOTAL 2024*

Contributions	\$791,626
Program receipts	11,285,025
Membership dues	4,379,094
Investment income	368,863
Net realized and unrealized (losses) gains on long term investments	242,665
Total revenue, gains and support	\$17,067,273

EXPENSES

Program services	10,749,547
Supporting services	4,646,673
Total expenses	\$15,396,220

Change in net assets	1,679,073
Net assets at beginning of year	14,577,706
Net assets at end of year	\$16,256,779

*Internal financials, unaudited

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE CHAMPIONS

Our Y's Corporate Champions invest in our community. As annual sponsors at the YMCA of Montclair, these partners help enable our Y to deliver financial assistance and cause-driven programming to our neighbors.

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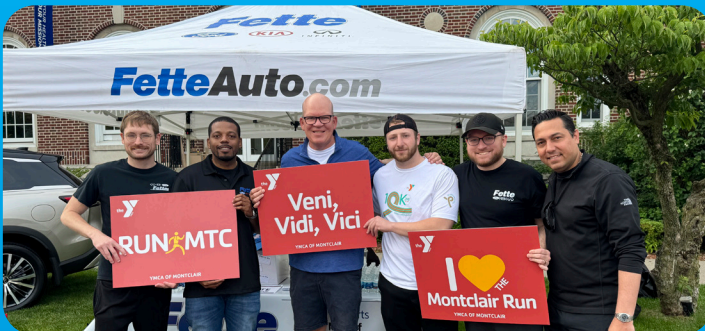
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HERO

Mental Health Association
of Essex and Morris

ADVOCATES

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Metric Plumbing & Heating
Provident Bank
Rytek



Fette Auto Group showing their support at the 41st Annual Montclair Run.



The Mental Health Association cheering on runners at the 41st Annual Montclair Run.



Mountainside Medical Center educating members at our Park Street Y during Breast Cancer Awareness month.



Ben Bullock, veteran and VP of Services at Milner Technologies speaking at our Honoring Our Veterans dinner.

PARTNERSHIPS ARE VITAL TO OUR SUCCESS

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The Afro-American Historical and
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The MC Hotel
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Montclair Jazz Festival
Montclair Kimberley Academy
Montclair Local
Montclair NAACP
Montclair Neighborhood Development Corporation
Montclair Orthodontics



Montclair Public Library
Montclair Public Schools
Montclair Rotary Club
Montclair State University
Montclair Transitional Program
NJ YMCA State Alliance
Northwest Essex Community Healthcare Network
Out Montclair
Park Street Academy
Premiere Dance Camp
Salvation Army
Scouting America Troop 12 Montclair
Sister to Sister Montclair
Soldier On
Start Out Fresh Intervention Advocates (SOFIA)
Toni's Kitchen
Verona Police Department
Verona Public Schools
Wally Choice Community Center
Walnut Street Festival
W.B. Mason
West Milford Autumn Lights Festival
West Milford Public Schools
West Milford Rotary Club



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Our Y observed **Women's History Month** with a special community presentation, written and directed by longtime Y member and friend Ernestine Galloway. The spirited program commemorated the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention, which launched the women's suffrage movement.

We had a blast at our annual **Healthy Kids Day** celebration, a free community event celebrating healthy kids and their families. We welcomed 400 adults and children to our Geyer Family YMCA for a fun-filled day of activities including S.T.E.A.M. enrichment, youth sports, water safety education, group fitness classes, and more.

Who says summer camp isn't for grown-ups? At our first annual **Y Camp Canteen** fundraiser, friends of the Y embraced the camp spirit and came out to support a good cause. With plenty of camp games, live music, and a spin on the Y camps' signature Color Wars competition, we had a great night out benefiting our Camp Scholarship Fund.

The YMCA of Montclair is here FOR ALL, and we were proud to renew our support as a sponsor of Out Montclair's third annual **Montclair Pride** festival. Our tie-dye station was a hit with festivalgoers and it was an honor share in such a joyous occasion.

At our **West Milford & the Y** event we gathered with friends, old and new, to share our Y's commitment to serving the West Milford community. Together, we raised funds to support financial assistance and programming opportunities for West Milford area families at our YMCA Outdoor Education Center.

Generous student volunteers from Montclair State University joined us for our annual **9/11 Day of Service**. Volunteers donated their time and elbow grease, assisting with end-of-season clean-up at Camp at the Lake.

Our Y hosted veterans, resource groups, and community leaders at our **Honoring Our Veterans** dinner, held at the Wally Choice Community Center. Just ahead of Veterans Day, we had the privilege to express our appreciation and create a space of shared experience for our veterans.

At our **2024 Gratitude Breakfast**, we thanked the volunteers, donors, corporate partners, and long-time members whose passion, dedication, and generosity help bring our Y's mission to life each day.



STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY

\$25,000+

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McMullen Family Foundation
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