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Can Change a Life*

Today's Teens, Tomorrow's Leaders.

Cleveland Dodge, Andrew Carnegie, George Perkins, and William Sloane

the original financial supporters of what is now known as the International YMCA – viewed visiting foreign students as potential future world leaders and saw a need to formally encourage their relations with Americans. The International YMCA was created to fill that need. Ninety-eight years later, the International YMCA has been enormously successful in promoting international relations with visiting youth. There is still a great need, however, to engage young American leaders while promoting relations between Americans and our global community. Join us in supporting our future world leaders.

The International YMCA envisions a more just and peaceful world where youth learn to think of themselves as global citizens, are adept at communicating across cultural lines, and are interested in being civically responsible. We recognize that the challenges youth face, both domestically and abroad, vary widely. The International YMCA believes in the unique ability of international exchange to affect lasting change in the lives of young people, and that these experiences should be available to all youth regardless of their financial situations. The International YMCA works tirelessly to provide scholarships in an effort to make these opportunities available to every young person equally. Our international network of YMCAs, in more than 124 countries, allows us to make a difference by empowering youth worldwide.

Every gift counts, because every dollar raised goes directly towards critical participant scholarships and program subsidies. You can make a difference. Please give generously.



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strong communities

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YMCA Mission

*The YMCA of Greater New York is a community service organization,
which promotes positive values through programs that
build spirit, mind and body,
welcoming all people with a focus on youth.*



*Make a difference in your community –
please give generously today!*

We're Here for Good

The International YMCA is *Here for Good* every day of the year, and never more so than in challenging or uncertain times. With 98 years behind us, and at least that many more ahead, we face the future with hope, confidence and a renewed commitment to international exchange programs that build global citizens, enhance mutual understanding, foster the exchange of ideas, and bring people together for peace.

Building Strong Kids

Today the YMCA offers programs and services to more than 8,000 young people annually, including teenagers, international students, and emerging international professionals from more than 84 countries. International YMCA programs foster the development of leadership skills, encourage a commitment to civic responsibility, and empower youth to become leaders in their own communities. At the Y, the character values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility guide all that we do.

They're Counting on Us

Contributions to the International YMCA's annual Strong Kids Campaign ensure that no young person is turned away because of the inability to pay. Each year, the YMCA provides financial assistance to hundreds of youth in need. These requests are now rising to unprecedented levels. The International YMCA, through its annual fund-raising, wants to be there to meet them. As a donor, you have the unique opportunity to support American youth while they act as cultural envoys.

We're Counting on You

The International YMCA relies on the support of people like you to sustain these important cultural exchange programs and expand access to underprivileged American youth. To meet our goals of service in 2009, the International YMCA must raise \$120,000. Please consider making a pledge - your donation will support the important international efforts of the YMCA of Greater New York. *They're counting on us, and we're counting on you!*



INTERNATIONAL YMCA'S PROGRAMS

YMCA International Camp Counselor program (ICCP)

will mark its 50th year of bringing young adults from around the world to the United States to work in summer camps and YMCA conference centers in 2009. In 2008, nearly 2,500 young adults representing 84 countries participated in this program. ICCP supports the Y's goal of creating a global community based on a foundation of respect, trust and understanding.

YMCA Global Teens

is a leadership development program that provides teenagers with the opportunity to experience the world beyond their hometown. In 2008, more than 80 teens expanded their minds and their worlds through international travel, global community service and cultural exchange.

YMCA Go Global

is a volunteer service program, which places skilled Americans in YMCA centers around the world. The volunteers immerse themselves in the culture of their host countries, providing much needed support and guidance to local YMCAs and their adopted communities. In 2008, nearly 30 volunteers provided critical support to 15 YMCAs around the world.

YMCA Study Tours

are ten-day learning-based travel programs for YMCA professionals and friends of the movement. Participants learn about their host country and how the YMCA works to address local community needs. In 2008, 22 YMCA professionals and volunteers traveled to Jerusalem for ten days of learning and cultural exchange.

YMCA Summer Work & Travel

brings university students from around the world to work in the US during their official breaks. In 2008, more than 4,500 international students participated in the program.

Levels of Giving

\$25,000

can sponsor a two-week international experience for five Global Teens program participants.

\$10,000

can allow two Go Global program volunteers to spend 12 months providing service to an emerging YMCA in the developing world.

\$5,000

can allow two emerging YMCA professionals to travel to Jerusalem for ten days to learn about the community development work the YMCA does there.

\$2,500

can allow an international counselor from South Korea to spend four months at an American summer camp.

\$1,000

can allow a Go Global program volunteer to teach English to elementary school children in Chile for five months.

\$500

can provide two days of intensive cultural immersion for two camp counselors from Colombia.

\$250

can provide intercultural preparation for two Global Teens at YMCA Camp Greenkill.

\$100

can allow an underprivileged teen to get his or her first passport.

