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Another Y summer is coming to an end. In addition to camps throughout Sonoma County, we have enjoyed having camp kids in our Activity Center and Conference Room. The summer months have always been a time when the Y impacts kids and families the most! And, seeing my son grow from a camper into a CIT (Counselor in Training) this year, has been a special time for both of us.

I have recapped a few of our summer highlights in this newsletter while also announcing some great events coming up this fall, including our special tribute to *Bill and Jean Hart* on October 30 (see paragraph below.) Look for more information in the weeks ahead.

As the year progresses, the Y's emphasis on serving "Health Seekers" in our community is gaining momentum. *Activate America* -- the national Y initiative that encourages everyone to embrace healthy habits through supportive, collaborative relationships as well as advocacy and community awareness, continues to be our strong focus. We are on board as an *Activate America Y!*

Have a terrific conclusion to your summer and hope to visit with you soon.

In spirit, mind and body,



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You Gotta Have Hart!

**October 30, 2008
Vineyard Creek Hotel
Y Annual Dinner
Honoring
Bill & Jean Hart**

Bill and Jean Hart are one of the most beloved couples in our Y family. Bill has been on the board for nearly two decades, served as chair of our 2008 Community Support Campaign and has contributed to nearly every aspect of our operations.

Please save the date to join us for this very special dinner.

1,200 Kids attend 3,500 sessions of Y Camp Outreach gifts and Two Golf Tournaments sponsor deserving kids

1,200 children ages 2 to 17 attended Pre-school, Day, Sports, Cooking, Science and Performing Arts camps, this summer, including 300 teens and pre-teens, ages 11 – 17, who enjoyed Surfing, Golf, Boating, Rock Climbing and other Action Adventure and Resident camps – nearly 300 more participants than last year! *Oregon Loop, Science Adventure, Redwoods & Rollercoasters* and *Art 'N Cooking* are only a few of the special Y Camp programs that have created lasting memories for youngsters during these past summer months.

One hundred seventy five children, whose families are unable to afford camp fees, attended summer sessions through sponsorship gifts provided by special camperships and proceeds from the *19th Annual Y Kids to Camp Golf Tournament* and the *Guns & Hoses Golf Tournament* put on by the *Santa Rosa Police Officer's Association, Santa Rosa Firefighters* and the *Sonoma County Sheriff's Association*. We are grateful to *Eric Goldschlag* and the members of the Police, Fire and Sheriff's Departments for a gift of \$12,000. Proceeds from the recent Y tournament are estimated at \$14,000.

30th Annual Harvest Fair 3K/10K Fun Run-Oct. 5 WANTED: Sponsors, Exhibitors, Runners, Walkers

Platform shoes are the rage, the movie "Grease" debuts, Sony introduces the Walkman, Pete Rose gets his 3,000th Major League hit and the Sonoma County Family YMCA kicks off its very first Harvest Fair Fun Run! The year is 1978! Join us 30 years later as we continue to run strong!

Proceeds from the event go to Y Outreach – a fund that enables kids and families who are unable to afford services to participate in enriching Y programs. For more information call (707) 545-9622 or visit the Y website. Race forms will be available soon.

Janice Marzlin - Bright Ideas and James H. Henderson - Henderson Architect appointed to Y Board

The board of the Sonoma County Family YMCA welcomes two new members. *Janice Marzlin*, owner of *Bright Ideas*, a Santa Rosa-based promotional product supplier, is a prominent community leader and former Y kid. Janice's fond memories of attending Y Camps inspire her to give back to the community through service to today's Y kids and families.

James H. Henderson, AIA, is principal of *Henderson Architect*, a collaborative team focused on creating sustainable building design solutions that exceed their clients' expectations. Jim and his wife, Mary, are Y members. They have two young children.

Programs expand Y services to new counties, schools

Children's Power Play! Campaign -- a special program in six counties that brings information on healthy nutrition and active play to families who qualify for free or reduced school lunches and food stamps -- is currently being implemented by your Y. A few weeks ago, we accepted a subcontract to continue and expand the program over three years. Funding is provided by the *California State Department of Health* as part of a state-wide initiative.

After School Education and Safety (ASES) and other collaborative opportunities are also expanding Y programs in Sonoma County. Children at *Thomas Page, John Reed* and *Waldo Rohnert* schools in Rohnert Park will receive free after school care through funding provided by Prop 49. Programs have also been added at *St. Rose* and *St. Vincent De Paul* schools as well as two collaborative swim programs -- *AmeriCorps* will bus children from *Roseland* to the Y and *River Child Care* will cover costs for a program at the *Rio Nido Pool*.

"Music Man" Y Preview promises to be a sellout!

Tickets are going fast for the special Y Preview of the 6th *Street Playhouse* production of *The Music Man* on August 13, 2008. This event is co-sponsored by *Clipped Wings* and *Joe Video* for the benefit of our Enabling Programs for children and adults who experience mental, physical and developmental challenges. See attached flyer and form.