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# Mission Promises

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## *Your contribution Can Help Make The Difference!*



The State of New Jersey has recently announced drastic budget cuts to education, after school programs and other essential youth and teen services. These cuts and the subsequent lose or reduction in services can have a dramatic impact on the quality of life for many of our communities' most vulnerable population, our young children.

I wanted to take this opportunity to address how some of these cuts will impact children who are served by our YMCA, while also highlighting the proactive steps that we have taken and our future plans to address the needs of our children and the communities we serve.



### **New Jersey After 3**

NJAfter3 is an essential After School Program funded through the State Government. The East Orange YMCA was 1 of the 105 NJAfter3 sites whose funding was eliminated as of March 12, 2010. As a result, many of the State's 105 sites were forced to close. That is not the case at the Metro YMCAs of the Oranges, because our site at the East Orange YMCA is still in full operation serving over 100 children daily. Upon hearing of the cuts, our YMCA's Board of Directors acted quickly to ensure funding would be secured in order to maintain this program through the end of the 2009-2010 school year. The cost to fund and run this program is \$120,000 per school year.

To date, we have secured several donations which help to bridge the funding gap and we will continue to raise the funds needed for this program through the end of the school year. In addition, our YMCA is identifying potential funding sources to re-instate this program for the 2010-2011 school year.

### **Environmental Education**

The Fairview Lake YMCA Camps and Conference Center houses the State's largest residential environmental education center, which provides services to over 16,000 students from 200 local schools. To date, 14 schools have confirmed that this programming will be cut or downsized from their 2010-2011 budgets. The staff at the Fairview Lake YMCA is working closely with schools to seek alternative ways to continue to deliver the message of environmental awareness and education.





### Our Commitment

Because of your generous support, I can tell you that our YMCA remains committed to delivering these and all of our YMCA programs to those who need them most.

As we celebrate our YMCA's **125 Years of Community Service** in 2010, I am reminded that historically, our YMCA has stood the test of time, while always striving to meet the social challenges and community needs of both today and tomorrow.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Richard K. Gorab  
President and CEO

On Monday, September 13, 2010, the Metropolitan YMCA of the Oranges will host our 16th Annual Kids' Care Club Golf Tournament at the Montclair Golf Club in West Orange, N.J. The proceeds from this event will benefit our YMCA's financial assistance fund, which provides over \$1,000,000 in assistance to more than 3,800 deserving children and families throughout the communities served by our five YMCA Branches. To register for the Tournament, please call us at (973) 758-9622 or visit our website at [www.metroymcas.org](http://www.metroymcas.org).



Stuart Vorcheimer, Co-Chair of the YMCA's Golf Tournament Committee prepares to take a tee shot at the Historic Montclair Golf Club.



Susan P. Ascher, Co-Chair of the YMCA's Golf Tournament Committee and her fellow golfers watch as her putt heads toward the bottom of the cup...for the record, the putt went in on the first shot.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Metro YMCAs of the Oranges enriches the lives of the children, families and communities we serve, through programs that build spirit, mind and body, welcoming all people, in an environment nurturing positive values.