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# MAKING COMMUNITY IMPACT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

## Cornerstone Club

At the Y, strengthening community is our cause. The Y serves three crucial areas of focus to help individuals, families, and communities learn, grow, and thrive.

**The Y is for youth development,** because we believe that all kids deserve opportunities to discover who they are and what they can achieve. That's why, through the Y, youth today are cultivating the values, skills, and relationships that lead to positive behaviors, better health, and educational achievement.

**The Y is for healthy living,** improving the nation's health and well-being. The Y brings families closer together, encourages good health, and fosters connections through fitness, sports, fun, and shared interests.

**The Y is for social responsibility,** giving back and providing support to our neighbors. The Y has been responding to our communities' most critical needs for 160 years. Whether developing skills, connecting diverse populations, or advocating for healthier communities, the Y fosters the care and respect all deserve.

In the 100+ years since the Albany Area YMCA was founded in our community, thousands of our community members have personally benefitted from the Y's commitment to strengthening community.



The YMCA board of directors has created an endowment fund and Cornerstone Club honoring those who have made a commitment to provide for the future of our YMCA.

Cornerstone Club members, by their current or planned gift, ensure that the values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility endure and that Y programs will positively impact our community for generations to come.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS RELATED TO CORNERSTONE**

**How can I or our family become a member of the Cornerstone Club?** Any donor who gives a meaningful gift to the YMCA endowment fund is considered a member.

**If I cannot give a large gift, will a small gift really make a difference?** We know that everyone has different personal circumstances. Even small gifts will make a huge difference as the Y endowment fund is a segregated fund where the principal of donor-designated gifts is held into perpetuity. The endowment fund is invested and the Y uses only the return on investment for annual support.

**Can I designate my gift for a specific purpose?** Many donors choose to leave their gift unrestricted to allow the Y governing board to direct the earnings where the need is greatest. However, the Young Men's Christian Association of Albany, Inc. has specific options to which you can designate your funds: (1) undesignated for highest needs at the time, (2) for use at a specific branch, (3) for facility improvements, and (4) for high-priority programs identified by the board of directors.

**What types of gifts could I give?** We know that members of the Cornerstone Club choose to give to perpetuate their values and that their gifts say something about who they are and how they want to be remembered. Therefore, options are available to meet individual circumstances. The majority of gifts are received in these forms:

- Current gifts of cash or cash equivalents
- Planned gifts including:]
  - Bequests through wills
  - Naming the Y as a beneficiary of retirement plans
  - Naming the Y as a beneficiary of insurance policies
  - Living trusts
  - Charitable trusts

**What is the proper wording I should use to assure my gift is designated as I wish?**

Here is an example of wording you could use: "I give to The Young Men's Christian

Association of Albany, Inc., a 501(c)(3) corporation, incorporated in Georgia, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the remainder of my estate) to be deposited in the YMCA's endowment fund. The income shall be used to benefit said YMCA in such manner as the board of directors thereof may direct."

**Whom do I call with questions?** For other designations or questions about the Cornerstone Club, contact:

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Also, please let us know if you have already made a provision for the Y in your estate plans and would like to be recognized as a Cornerstone member by contacting us.

**We hope you will give serious consideration to joining our Cornerstone Club and helping to ensure that the Y will continue to make a strong impact in the lives of community members for generations to come.**