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Press Release

From: Silver Bay YMCA

**Silver Bay YMCA awarded Charles R. Wood Foundation Grant**

***Silver Bay awarded grant for Ticonderoga Teen Center***

**Silver Bay** – Silver Bay YMCA was selected as a recipient for a \$5,000 grant from the Charles R. Wood Foundation for its Ticonderoga Teen Center program.

The Charles R. Wood Foundation was founded in 1978 by Charles R. Wood to provide assistance to worthwhile organizations supporting children, healthcare and the arts in the area. The Charles R. Wood Foundation has made over \$25 million in financial contributions through over 1,200 grants awarded.

The Silver Bay YMCA Ticonderoga Teen Center is a vital program for the community Silver Bay YMCA Education Director Jackie Palandrani explained. "The Silver Bay YMCA Ticonderoga Teen Center plays a vital role in our community by offering teens a fun and secure space to connect each day. Here, they receive homework support, learn valuable life skills like cooking, and have the opportunity to meet new people, all while growing in a safe and welcoming environment."

Silver Bay YMCA's VP of Development and Government Relations added, "We are immensely grateful for the support from the Wood Foundation again this year. The Ticonderoga Teen Center is such a crucial part of youth development in our community. We are so pleased that the important work

we do with teens is recognized and rewarded by generous foundations like Charles R. Wood.”

The Teen Center is a free drop-in program for teens in the Hague, Ticonderoga, and Putnum area and is open five days a week during the school year. At the Teen Center participants have the option to participate in structured programming such as cooking lessons, receive homework help, or hangout with friends.

To learn more about the Teen center visit [silverbay.org/youth-development/](http://silverbay.org/youth-development/) or follow the Teen Center on Facebook at Silver Bay YMCA Teen Center–Ticonderoga.

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**Photo by Silver Bay YMCA**

**Teen Center January 2025 Cooking** – Silver Bay YMCA Ticonderoga Teen Center Participants try the Enchiladas they made with Silver Bay YMCA Food and Beverage Director Anthony Basile.

**About Silver Bay YMCA:** Silver Bay YMCA, founded in 1902, is in Silver Bay, NY, just minutes south of Hague. Its 700-acre campus along one mile of Lake George shoreline offers a breadth of programs for all ages. Silver Bay YMCA is consistently ranked one of the top ten family reunion sites in the country and is on the National Register of Historic Places with the U.S. Department of the Interior. As a mission-based charity, Silver Bay YMCA offers outreach programs in addition to its core activities as a premier conference and family retreat center. Learn more about Silver Bay at [www.silverbay.org](http://www.silverbay.org).

**Our MISSION:** To cultivate relationships, strengthen communities and nurture spirit, mind and body for all.

**Our IMPACT:** Because of Silver Bay YMCA, connections between people and family are stronger. People are more connected, respectful and caring. They have the confidence to develop to their full potential and to positively impact the communities in which they work and live. As a result, communities are more dynamic, comprehensive and varied. As stewards of Lake George, we inspire people to be stewards of the environment while they are visiting our magnificent campus and in their home communities.