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Press Release

From: Silver Bay YMCA Conference and Family Retreat Center

### **Silver Bay YMCA Awarded Pearsall Foundation Grant Grant to help provide emergency housing to local community**

**Silver Bay** – Silver Bay YMCA has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Glenn and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation to provide emergency housing for families in need including meals and access to support counseling.

So far this year Silver Bay has had 126 nights of Emergency Housing stays which is equivalent to a value of \$30,770.30.

Silver Bay YMCA's VP of Development and Government Relations, Walt Lender stated about the program.

"From time-to-time individuals and families find themselves in the unfortunate circumstance of not having a safe place to live whether due to house fires, floods, domestic violence, frozen pipes, or illness. Not all families have adequate insurance coverage or family support networks to turn to when seeking emergency housing. Other community programs are not always available to assist and are not always dignified solutions. There is great need in the North Country for families and individuals in displaced housing situations to have access to a safe place to be."

The Glenn and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life for year-round residents of the Adirondack Park.

For the 2024-2025 grant cycle they received 80 applications and granted \$104,681.

"Silver Bay is committed to being a beacon of hope, offering short-term housing for individuals and families in need. Our mission is to provide, not just shelter, but offer a sense of safety and dignity, so that no one faces unexpected challenges alone," stated Silver Bay YMCA's Director of Spiritual Life Chris Coppernoll.

"This program is a socially critical, mission-focused part of Silver Bay YMCA's services. However, there is no funding source to support it other than private donations. Any expense above that which is underwritten by private donors is absorbed by the organization's operating budget," Lender added.

To learn more about Silver Bay YMCA or to help support this program visit [silverbay.org](http://silverbay.org).

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**Photo by Silver Bay YMCA**

**Silver Bay YMCA Aerial 2024 – An Aerial Photo of Silver Bay YMCA.**

**About the Glenn and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation:** *The Glenn and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation was established in December of 2000 to help improve the quality of life for the year-round residents of the Adirondack Park.*

**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 foster 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, inclusive and diverse. 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.