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Press Release

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Silver Bay YMCA announces new nation-wide foster care program

There are over 391,000 children and youth (about half the population of Delaware) in foster care according to the Children's Bureau and up to 80 percent of children in foster care have significant mental health issues.

In honor of National Foster Care Month, and this year's theme "Strengthening Minds. Uplifting Families." Silver Bay YMCA is pleased to announce its newest respite program" Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat.

This program is offered to give families who are currently fostering or have recently adopted the opportunity to get to know each other and bond in a safe and friendly environment.

"We are so pleased to be offering this opportunity to foster and adoptive families. It is our hope that the beauty of Silver Bay provides families with some needed rest and connection. We're very thankful to our donors that make this possible," Silver Bay YMCA CEO Peter Doliber stated.

Foster and adoptive families from across the nation, who meet the criteria, can enjoy a stay at Silver Bay YMCA, at no cost, for up to one week anytime throughout the year. A stay at Silver Bay YMCA, with this program, includes meals from the William Boyd Center Dining Hall and programs. Some of our program offerings include archery, beaches, climbing wall, campfires, hiking, watercolor classes, and more! Programs offered vary per season.

Silver Bay YMCA Vice President of Development and Government Relations Walter Lender added," We are so proud to be able to offer the comfort and respite of a Silver Bay vacation to families with adopted and foster children."

"Our donors are dedicated to helping families in need of a get-away to Lake George to refresh and recharge. Daily lives can become overwhelming; a stay at Silver Bay can help families cope in so many ways."

The Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat Program is 100 percent donor funded. Any individuals or businesses interested in supporting this program or any of Silver Bay YMCA's efforts to improve lives in our community please email wlender@silverbay.org or visit <https://silverbay.org/give-now/>.

To learn more about the Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat Program visit <https://silverbay.org/wp-content/uploads/Foster-Family-Retreat-2022-Fillable.pdf> or call 518-543-8511.



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.

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.