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5 reasons to donate in 2023

Silver Bay YMCA celebrates National Nonprofit Day

August 17 is National Nonprofit Day, a day that recognizes the positive impact that nonprofit organizations have on local communities and around the world. Silver Bay YMCA wouldn't be able to have a positive impact on the local community if it wasn't for its donors helping them achieve their mission to foster relationships, strengthen communities and nurture spirit, mind, and body for all.

In 2022, 450 campers were enrolled in Silver Camp and over 200 free Community Wellness Memberships were given out. All of which wouldn't have been possible without the donations that help with the upkeep of Silver Bay's campus, the countless hours volunteered to help with the smooth running of programs, and the endless support that Silver Bay receives from the community.

In honor of National Nonprofit Day Silver Bay YMCA is thanking their donors with a donor wall located in the William Boyd Center. Additionally, Silver Bay has compiled a list of reasons and benefits of donating to a nonprofit.

Your nonprofit gift will help the community. In 2022, Silver Bay YMCA contributed \$25,000 towards the Town of Hague, \$5,000 to the Hague Volunteer Fire Department, and \$18,200 in dues to the Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations.

Donating to a nonprofit is also a good way to promote your passion. With the wide array of programs and offerings at Silver Bay YMCA, your donation can be directed towards something you're passionate about while still supporting Silver Bay and its mission.

Vice President of Development and Government Relations Walt Lender explained how your donation can be directed towards supporting something you're passionate about.

He said, “Giving to Silver Bay YMCA supports your favorite Silver Bay activity. Whether it's morning dip or vespers, archery or shuffleboard, sailing or hiking, all Silver Bay traditions and activities benefit from your generosity today and into the future.”

Donating to a nonprofit can also decrease stress and has been attributed to a longer life the University of Buffalo found in a study about the act of selflessness. By donating to Silver Bay not only will you be helping the community, but it will also have a positive impact on your own health as well!

Silver Bay YMCA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit which means by donating to Silver Bay YMCA you're eligible for a tax deduction.

“Donations to not-for-profit organizations reduce your taxable income and can significantly lower your tax burden. Check with your financial advisor to maximize your benefit,” said Lender.

A donation to Silver Bay YMCA doesn't have to be monetary either. In 2022 Silver Bay YMCA had over 150 volunteers and 4,152 hours of volunteer work. A Silver Bay YMCA volunteer can do anything from helping with the upkeep of Silver Bay's campus to scooping ice cream in the Store. Volunteering is not only a selfless way to give back, but also a great way to meet like-minded individuals.

Carolyn Close, Silver Bay YMCA's vice president of human capital and community relations said, “When you volunteer at Silver Bay you have the opportunity to work alongside staff from all over the country and world, provide opportunities for guests to enjoy the beauty of Silver Bay and support Silver Bay's mission.”

There are plenty of reasons why people donate to a nonprofit whether it's a monetary donation or in-kind donation. Regardless of how one donates, each donation is essential in the success of the nonprofit. Silver Bay YMCA is grateful to everyone who has donated in the past, currently donates, or plans to donate. The positive impact that Silver Bay has on the community would not be possible without you, and for that, they thank you.

“We are so thankful for all of our supporters. It is their generosity that has sustained us these last 120 years and will propel us into the next century,” Silver Bay YMCA CEO Peter Doliber stated.

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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.