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Press Release

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### **Silver Bay YMCA awarded Glenn and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation Grant**

#### ***Silver Bay YMCA awarded grant for emergency housing program***

Silver Bay YMCA is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$2,500 grant from the Glenn and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation to provide emergency housing for families in need including meals and access to support counseling.

“Silver Bay YMCA has been providing short-term transitional/emergency housing under the auspices of our Pastoral Respite Ministry for nearly 20 years. We have provided housing for people who have lost their primary residence due to fire, flood, homelessness, and for those in need of a safe place to stay.

“The accommodations we offer vary depending upon the situation and availability. We have housed people in cottages and in hotel-style rooms. We also include meals in our dining hall for those who need them. The length of stay can be from just a few days or up to a few weeks. At Silver Bay, we strive to ‘nurture spirit, mind, and body for all’ and we believe that offering short-term transitional/emergency housing to those in our area is both a way for us to fulfill our mission and for us to be good neighbors,” Silver Bay YMCA Spiritual Life Director Rev. Dr. Garth Allen explained.

Walt Lender, Silver Bay YMCA’s VP of development and government relations stated, “We are incredibly grateful to the Pearsall Foundation for this grant. Having the support of such a committed Adirondack organization is a ringing endorsement of the important service that Silver Bay YMCA provides to the people of the North Country.”

This program has cost Silver Bay roughly \$45,000 so far this year with Silver Bay providing transitional/emergency housing to 22 families.

“Silver Bay's program for helping displaced families comes at significant expense. Since the program is free to the families being housed, we have to search for donors to underwrite the expenses. This Pearsall Foundation donation is a substantial source of support this year,” Lender added.

The Vice-President of the Glenn and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation, Adam Pearsall said, “Each year there are members of our community that find themselves in need of emergency housing for a

variety of reasons - fire and unsafe living situations immediately come to mind. We are pleased to support Silver Bay YMCA in their effort to provide not only the physical housing in emergency situations, but also the resources and community to help our neighbors move forward to a better place, as it embodies our mission of improving the quality of life for year-round residents of The Adirondack Park”.

The Glenn and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation received over 85 grant applications totaling \$612,229 and fully funded 24 grants and partly funded 10 for a total of \$106,103 awarded. Since its inception the Glenn and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation has funded more than 600 nonprofit grant requests totaling over \$1.3 million since it was established in 2000.

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**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.