



THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT TO THE CITRUS MEMORIAL HEALTH FOUNDATION YMCA

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PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Jim and Lois Filby have been long-time supporters of the YMCA movement and are Chairman's Club donors at the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA. Jim grew up in Frederick, MD and spent many after school and summer hours at the downtown facility. He learned to swim, play pool and tell a good story during his time at the Y. Jim passed away on February 19, 2016 after a brief illness but according to his wife Lois, he never lost his interest in the Y. Jim served in many capacities at the Y – a young child, adult member, a volunteer and a donor. Jim founded the Alvin G. Quinn Sports Hall of Fame scholarship program in Frederick and was instrumental in increasing the visibility and earnings of the YMCA golf tournament. Both Lois and Jim were founding members of the Heritage Club of the Endowment Fund of the Frederick YMCA.



In 2008, after retirement, Jim and Lois moved to Citrus County full time and continued their involvement in the YMCA to help the grow the branch. Lois volunteered three days per week assisting with filing, phone calls, marketing, folding shirts and events. Following Jim's passing Lois reflects, "The Y saved my life. It did more for me than I did for it at that time. I could come to help and get out of the house and I made a lot of new friends."

Lois was instrumental during the Membership Campaign to open the Citrus County YMCA, helping with signing up new members and sharing the cause with the community. She was also one of the first Charter members of the YMCA. Lois suffers from a neurological disease and has had to discontinue volunteering but is an active member and receives personal training two days per week from her instructor, John Gibson, to help improve stamina and balance.

She is passionate about the Y because she states, "I think it is amazing the amount of people in the older generation who come in and make themselves at home at the Y. It is great to see this as well as the kids that come and make new friends. The Y has made a huge impact on what is good in Citrus County."

TAKE A TOUR TODAY!

Please contact Joanna Castle, Citrus YMCA District Vice President, jcastle@suncoastymca.org or call (352) 500-9622 if you would like a personal tour of the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA.

WAYS TO PARTNER

Did you know that you can give to your local YMCA in more ways than just cash? You can donate your time and participate in the Y's Togetherhood projects. You can also gift stock, in-kind, matching gifts through your employer, in honor/in memory, marketable securities, planned giving, or charitable trust. For more information please contact Joanna Castle at (352) 500-9622 or email at jcastle@suncoastymca.org.

ADVISORY MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Jay Joines has been a YMCA Advisory Council member since 2010. Jay is committed to keeping our YMCA open to everyone in our community and serves on the Fund Development Committee to help raise awareness about the charity. He has been a strong ambassador for our cause and served on the Capital Campaign Council to raise funds to build our YMCA facility. Jay is always available to help with events and especially enjoys manning the grill. We are fortunate to have his support of our cause and his passion to improve lives in our community.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

The Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA held its annual fundraising event at the Black Diamond Clubhouse on Feb. 20th 2020. The annual event helps to support children, families and individuals in need in our community. More than 12,000 individuals walk through our doors each year and over 1,000 children receive childcare at our school age sites. Donations to the YMCA help provide financial assistance so that no-one is turned away. In addition, donations support programs for cancer survivors, Parkinson's patients and other chronic diseases. The YMCA is a resource for people of all ages and is helping to create a stronger, healthier community.

The YMCA staff and the YMCA Advisory Board would like to thank the guests that attended the event and to everyone who has made a gift to help support the cause. The fundraising goal to meet our community's need is \$350,000 this year and the Y will continue to educate our community about how our Y is improving lives and how people can get involved to support the cause.



RELIEF CARE PROGRAM



The Y is more than just a gym, it's a community. This statement holds true now more than ever. During the school closures, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Youth Relief Care for Essential Workers program allowed our first responders and healthcare professionals to go to work knowing their child is in a safe and nurturing environment. These services were critical to enable emergency workers to continue their focus on public health. With schools closed for the rest of the school year, many children and families no longer had access to healthy meals. The Y partnered with our local school district to distribute nutritious food to children. In addition, through phone calls and virtual classes, we reached out to the most vulnerable population impacted by COVID-19, older adults to help lift their spirits and encourage people to stay active and healthy. The Y is proud to continue to evolve to meet the ever-changing needs of our community.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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