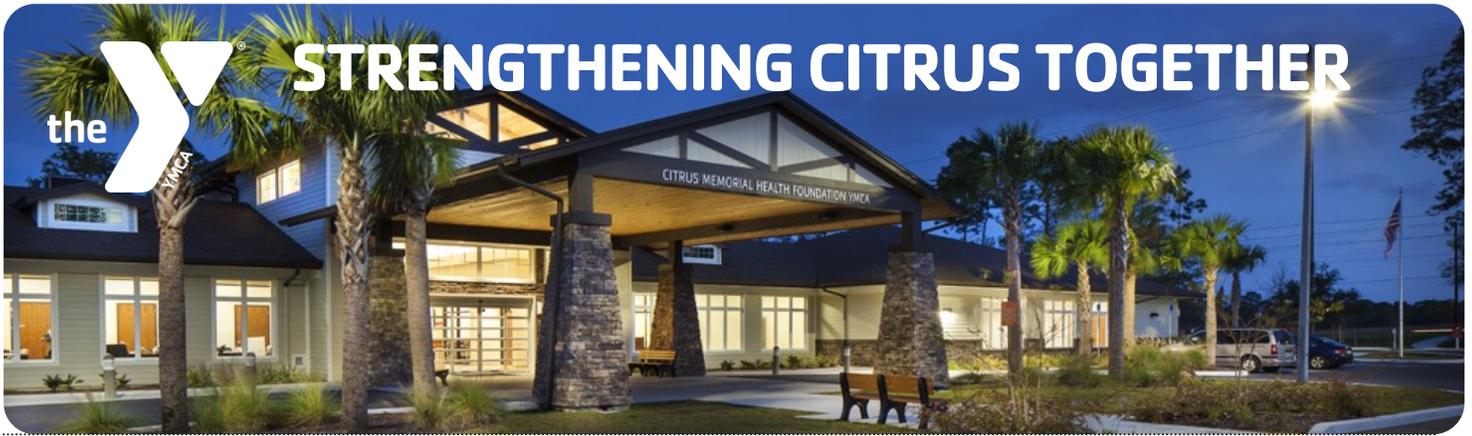




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THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT TO THE CITRUS MEMORIAL HEALTH FOUNDATION YMCA

December / January 2020

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

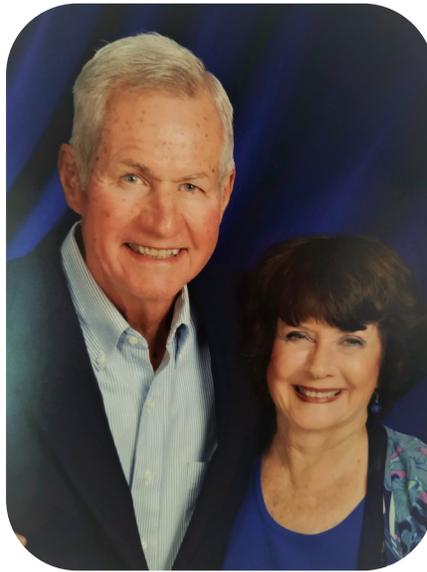
Bill and Mary Lyons have been long time supporters of the Citrus County YMCA as capital donors and they continue to support the cause through the Annual Giving Campaign. They have been investing in Citrus County for decades serving as educators, volunteers and community leaders. When asked about why they choose to support the cause of the Y Mary stated, "The YMCA is very important to us as a way to support the health and wellbeing of all residents. We are grateful for this friendly place that encourages all participants to feel welcomed and comfortable in their pursuits of personal interests and goals."

Their connection to the community began when Bill moved to Citrus County with his family, Helen and Paul Lyons, in 1955. After completing his undergraduate work at University of Florida, Bill joined the US Navy as an ensign, docked with his ship at Bayone, New Jersey, and met his wife, Mary, an airline hostess for TWA, in New York City. They moved to Crystal River in 1963 so that Bill could work with his dad building Timberlodges. The following year Bill reenlisted in the Navy; he and Mary and Baby Laura spent the fall in Key West where Bill took training as a surface warfare officer. They enjoyed their time as a navy family based at Mayport Naval Station. Three years later they returned to Crystal River as teachers for the Citrus County School System. Bill served as assistant principal at Crystal River High School and Mary taught fourth grade at Crystal River Primary School.

Bill later left his school job to take the opportunity to be sales manager for the developing of Riverhaven Village of Homosassa. Bill enjoyed his work with the West Coast Board of Realtors serving as president and leader of the Legislative Committee and Citrus Port Authority. He has served on the boards of Citizens Bank, First Florida Bank, Bank of America, and Capital City Bank. He continued his relationship with the USN by participating in the naval reserve in St Petersburg where he retired as Commander.

Mary continued her service with the school system as a teacher with Citrus County's Gifted Education Program. Later she worked at Crystal River High School as the Reading Resource/Curriculum Specialist. After retirement, Mary served with a team facilitating teachers with the Florida's Alternative Certification. Mary currently teaches yoga at Central Florida Clinic for Rehabilitation.

Mary and Bill have enjoyed being involved with the YMCA as members and partners. "YMCA programming fosters healthy practices in a safe and pleasant social environment. We believe that the amazing success of our YMCA in Citrus County is testament to what can happen in a community that values positive growth and development of all its people, states Mary."



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

Joe Marteski has been a YMCA Advisory Council member since 2013 for the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation Branch as well as prior service on the YMCA of the Suncoast Board of Directors. Joe recently resigned from the YMCA Advisory Council after 7 years of dedicated service. Although Joe has resigned from the Council he will continue to serve on the Youth Development Committee to help support outreach initiatives in our community. His humble, behind the scenes volunteer service with the Y and many non-profits has helped to improve the lives of countless youth and teens in Citrus County and created opportunities for successful futures.

2020 YMCA FALL FESTIVAL

A great time was had by all putting on costumes and having families come out and celebrate at the Fall Festival in October. The event included staggered registration and arrival times for families, required safety protocols and physical distancing. It was a safe and fun way to celebrate the Halloween experience for all!



NATURE / VETERANS TRAIL PROJECT

Over 20 volunteers took part in a project to help to improve the YMCA Veteran's Obstacle Course and front entrance on November 7th in celebration of Veteran's Day. With the support of Tim Graff, Lowe's of Inverness Store Manager, and his



team the trail was refreshed the with new mulch, flower beds, and an beautiful improvement of the front entrance sign. " We



are so very fortunate and thankful for the partnership that the YMCA has with our local Lowe's Store. They help to support so many non-profits in Citrus County and with their support we are able to continue to provide a beautiful place for our community to enjoy, states Joanna Castle, Y District V.P."

Advisory Council Members

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