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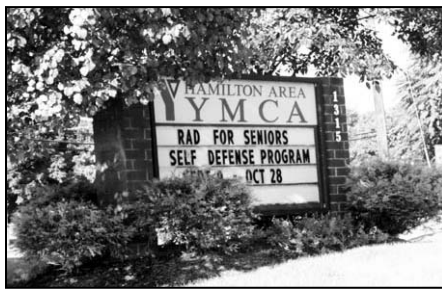


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A Partnership Profile: The Partner of Partners Hamilton Area YMCA

The YMCA is a business? I state without hesitation, an entity that deals with thousands of people face to face everyday; each employee personally concerned with the lives of all its members is not only a business but an extremely important business dealing with the heart of a community.

We are very fortunate that the Hamilton YMCA is a longtime member of The Hamilton Partnership. Chief Executive Officer Jim Fell and his outstanding full time staff of YMCA professionals have as close contact with their "customers" as any business involved in our corporation.



The current membership of Hamilton's YMCA is approximately 14,000. The success of the Y over the years may be attributed, in great part, to a combination of volunteers making up its board of directors, advisory board, members of its various committees, its coaches, sports league organizers and other volunteers for specific Y projects.

The Hamilton YMCA's positive impact on the greater Hamilton area is overwhelming and significant. Volunteers working with the Y's capable staff have a record of achievement that is spectacular. Over the years, millions of dollars have been raised by Y volunteers to address the many needs of its ever growing membership.

Two beautiful facilities have been constructed to carry out the commitment of the YMCA: The main Whitehorse-Mercerville Road facility, and the Sawmill branch, located on Sawmill Road are examples of what can be done by individuals who give

of themselves strictly for the benefit of others.

I fear if names are mentioned, some will be missed. That would be something I would never want to happen. Over the decades, volunteers have come and gone. However, their impact will always be appreciated and never forgotten. The mark of the ever-present volunteer is stamped on every successful undertaking the organization has experienced.

It is amazing that the YMCA volunteer embraces the responsibility for raising the millions of dollars it takes to operate this huge community service provider. As an integral part of involving thousands of people from tots to seniors in continuous and ever-changing activities is more than impressive.

The time and commitment made by these volunteers should be an example to every business what can be accomplished if you truly believe what you are doing is worthwhile and makes a difference. All businesses provide a product or a service. What a business provides must entail more than a monetary return. There must be fulfillment of spirit and an overall selfless feeling of the heart. The Hamilton YMCA sets an example of business success with an extra dimension!

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About The Hamilton Partnership

The Hamilton Partnership, a non-profit corporation, is a vital forum for the advancement of Hamilton Township's economy. For twenty years, the organization has fostered a critical dialogue with local officials to retain local businesses, attract new commerce, and help business owners capitalize on emerging opportunities while conveying and preserving the spirit and values that are part of Hamilton's quality of life. For more information about the Hamilton Partnership, please call

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