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A NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS OF THE MARSHALLTOWN YMCA-YWCA

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The mission of the YMCA/YWCA Heritage Club is to assure a stable, long-term financial base for the Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA so that the missions of both the YMCA and YWCA can be secured.

YMCA-YWCA HERITAGE CLUB 2018 AWARDS

*Presented to Kevin & Kim Swartz
and David & Valerie Clark*

The Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA Heritage Club held its annual recognition event, "Sip. Savor. Support." in August. Awards were presented to individuals who have made a lasting impact on the Y.

The 2018 Martha-Ellen Tye Friend Award was presented to Kevin & Kim Swartz. The Swartz family has been members and supporters of the Y for more than 25 years. Kim has been active in many of the Y's programs and served as a volunteer for the annual campaign. Kevin has provided leadership with the Y Board and the Heritage Club Board. Presenter Joel Greer stated, "They have been generous with their expertise, time, as well as their financial support."

The 2018 Ryden Service Award was given to David & Valerie Clark. Among other things, they have been heavily involved with the Y's swim program over the years, serving as volunteers and supporting as donors. Since 2004, Dave has been the 'voice of state girls swimming & diving', serving as the announcer. Val has been Clerk of Course each year, ensuring meets are well-organized and running smoothly. In addition, Dave has served as annual campaign chair and Chair of the Heritage Club Board of Directors.



Photo above: Kim & Kevin Swartz (right) receive the Martha-Ellen Tye Friend Award from Joel Greer.



Photo above: David & Valerie Clark (right) receive the Ryden Service Award from Mike Bloom.

ALWAYS HERE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Putting Christian principles into practice is at the heart of the YMCA mission. Y staff & volunteers have had the opportunity to 'practice what we preach' and support our community in ways unlike we ever have before in the aftermath of the July tornado that devastated parts of our beloved town. This work is just one example of what makes the Y different. We are more than swim & gym...much more.

- The Y served as the site for the Red Cross shelter for victims affected by the storm, averaging between 35-40 people a night for nine days following the tornado.
- For three days the Y was also the site of the Red Cross response headquarters and their supply staging area.
- The Y hosted JBS and their free community meal in the Cultural Center parking lot on July 22nd.
- The Y offered free showers with towel service to anyone in the community, along with our shelter residents. There were many people utilizing this free community service for several weeks following the disaster.
- The Y opened our offices and meeting room spaces to government entities and other organizations displaced by the storm in need of temporary space, including Juvenile Court Services and District Court.
- The Y's Cultural Center housed members of Team Rubicon, a national non-profit disaster relief group of mostly military veterans. This group brought 40-60 volunteers to Marshalltown for two weeks to work with the local Emergency Management Service and Red Cross to help clean up the storm-affected areas.
- The Y is part of the Long Term Family Recovery Steering Committee which is committed to assisting all affected individuals and families achieve full recovery from the effects of the tornado.



Long Term Family Recovery Steering Committee

ABOUT THE Y'S HERITAGE CLUB

Individuals and families who have made a meaningful gift to the Y through their estate plan, or made an outright cash gift of any amount to the Y endowment program, are recognized for their generosity and become members of the Heritage Club.

For more information, contact Kim Jass-Ramirez, Y Financial Development Director, at 641-752-8658. Or visit our website at www.ymca-ywca.org to learn more about our mission and how you can provide support.