



Metuchen Edison Woodbridge YMCA
"We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities."

Contact: Helene D. Zahn, Development Director
Metuchen Edison Woodbridge YMCA
732-516-9200 x108

----- **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** -----

***Fourth Annual Richard M. Hale Memorial Golf Classic supports
Metuchen Edison Woodbridge YMCA Fund for Tomorrow***

Metuchen, NJ March 2008 – On June 3rd, 2008 the Metuchen Edison Woodbridge YMCA will once again host the Richard M. Hale YMCA Memorial Golf Classic at Rutgers University in Piscataway.

While the golf outing has become an annual event, the community mission work that it supports, through the **Fund for Tomorrow**, is far from ordinary.

The Metuchen Edison Woodbridge YMCA **Fund for Tomorrow** is the cornerstone to building strong kids, strong families and strong communities. The money raised through the golf outing provides the financial support needed to accomplish the many mission-based activities we take on each year in the heart of our community. The Fund for Tomorrow supports three critical mission objectives:

Programs designed to fight the obesity epidemic in our country

- Our 7th Grade Strong Kids Membership entitles every 7th grader in our community to participate in YMCA programs, free of charge, eliminating a barrier to keeping our kids healthy and active.
- Family Fun Nights at the YMCA encourage families to come out and participate in active, healthy play with other YMCA families.

Teen programs that develop our youth

- The Model UN program is made possible through the **Fund for Tomorrow**. Each year, over 50 high school seniors participate in this unforgettable program, hosted at the University of Pennsylvania. The program teaches important leadership and consensus-building skills that will serve our youth well in adulthood.

Local families in crisis who have nowhere else to turn

- Difficult times can strike when you least expect it. The **Fund for Tomorrow** reaches out to lend a helping hand in times of need. One of the many examples of support this year include a young boy who was sent to camp for 5 weeks while his Dad struggled with chemotherapy treatments to treat colon cancer.

- Eleven children from a local homeless shelter were brought to the YMCA for a week-long learn to swim program. By the end of the week, all of the children could swim across the pool, unaided, and were able to float.

It is through golf outing sponsorship dollars that we continue to support the work of the **Fund for Tomorrow**. All of our committee members are hard at work in their communities to encourage support through sponsorship and participation.

This year, the Richard M. Hale YMCA Memorial Golf Committee has expanded its membership to include many important members to ensure representation from the Metuchen, Edison and Woodbridge areas.

New 2008 fundraising committee members include:

- Sampson Brown (Edison)
- John Cathcart (Metuchen)
- Gregg Ficarra (Woodbridge)
- Chandresh Iyer (Edison)
- Linda Mazzella (Woodbridge)
- Carol Toth (Edison)
- Joseph Ward (Woodbridge)

*The outing will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at the
Rutgers University Golf Course.*

Cocktails and dinner will follow at the Busch Faculty Dining Room.

This day of golf, including lunch and dinner is \$199.00 per person.

Many sponsorship opportunities are available.

We invite the community to join us for a day of fun and fellowship in support of our ongoing mission to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities.

For more information on supporting the June 3, 2008 golf outing through sponsorship or joining us on the golf course, please contact Helene D. Zahn, Development Director at The Metuchen Edison Woodbridge YMCA Corporate office (732) 516-9200 x108.

###