

Fall, 2008

Dear Families:

You may be aware that financial assistance is available to you to help pay the tuition for your child care. Included with this letter are the various ways that funds may be available to you. If you have any questions about the information below, please feel free to contact me at (413) 584-7086 ext. 119.

Thank you for choosing the YMCA program and I look forward to working with you this year.

### **Financial Assistance Opportunities for the 2008 – 2009 School Year**

1. The YMCA Before and After School Programs accepts vouchers from the following agencies:
  - New England Farm Worker's Council
  - Child Care Outlook
  - UMASS
  - Other third party payees.Contact the appropriate agency to find out if you qualify and how to access subsidies from their program.
2. The YMCA also holds a number of contracted openings through the Department of Early Education and Care. Contact Sasha Rasid at the YMCA (584-7086 ext. 112) to find out if there are openings available or to find out if you qualify.
3. YMCA's Membership for All Program provides a sliding scale to families who qualify. Applications are available at the YMCA front desk. This assistance is made possible with funds from the Hampshire Regional YMCA Annual Fund and the United Way. You must provide certain verifiable documentation with your application; awards based upon availability of funds and success of the Annual Fund Campaign Drive.
4. Northampton residents may qualify for funds from a Community Development Block Grant awarded by the City of Northampton. You must provide certain verifiable documentation with your application; awards based upon availability of funds and financial need. Application forms are available at the YMCA front desk or if you accessing this information on line, application forms are below.
5. For After School Programs at all locations, the YMCA has been awarded a grant from the JC Penny Afterschool Grant fund. You must provide certain verifiable documentation with your application; awards based upon availability of funds and financial need. Application forms are available at the YMCA front desk or if you accessing this information on line, application forms are below.

**APPLYING FOR GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE YMCA**

**SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE PROGRAMS**

**Community Development Block Grant Funds**

**Criteria:**

- 1. Families must reside in the City of Northampton, children must attend Northampton Public Schools and also be enrolled in the YMCA Before and/or After School Program.**
- 2. Families must remain in financially good standing with the YMCA in order to continue to receive funds from this source. All YMCA Accounts must remain current.**
- 3. Families must abide by all policies and procedures set forth in the School Age Child Care Program.**
- 4. Parents of School Age Child Care Program participants must be employed full time, seeking full time employment, or participating in education or training.**
- 5. Families are eligible to receive funds if they are determined to have:**
  - Annual income level of \$29,043 or less for a family of 2**
  - Annual income level of \$35, 876 or less for a family of 3**
  - Annual income level of \$42,710 or less for a family of 4**
  - Annual income level of \$49,544 or less for a family of 5**
  - Annual income level of \$56,377 or less for a family of 6**
  - Annual income level of \$57,659 or less for a family of 7**
  - Annual income level of \$58,940 or less for a family of 8**
  - Annual income level of \$60,221 or less for a family of 9**
  - Annual income level of \$61,503 or less for a family of 10**
  - Annual income level of \$62,784 or less for a family of 11**
  - Annual income level of \$64,065 or less for a family of 12**

- 6. Provided that all criteria are met awards will be based upon the following:**

<b>Families with Annual Household Income Between...</b>	<b>Will Be Awarded</b>
<b>\$50,000-\$69,000</b>	<b>10% financial assistance</b>
<b>\$40,000-49,500</b>	<b>20% financial assistance</b>
<b>\$20,000-\$39,500</b>	<b>25% financial assistance</b>
<b>Under \$20,000</b>	<b>30% financial assistance</b>

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION**

*A separate application will need to be completed for each child.*

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's School \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Dependents: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us if you are:  Homeless  Unemployed  Full-Time Student

Income Sources:

Your Annual Salary	
Spouse's Salary	
Other Income/Source:	

**Supporting Documentation Must Be submitted with your application or your request will be returned.**

1. Birth Certificate showing name of child and parent names.
2. Proof of parent/guardian relationship (birth certificate from #1 above or court guardianship record or school records showing the address of the child and the name and relationship of relative responsible for the child.
3. Two forms of identification (driver's license, passport, SS Card, Student ID, Birth Certificate)
4. Copy of your last US Federal Income Tax return Filed.
5. Last year W-2
6. One month proof of income or unemployment benefit statement and/or Social Security benefit statement.
7. Most current utility bill showing current address.

**Please allow two weeks to process your application once all of your information has been received.**

*I hereby attest that all of the information provide for the purpose of financial assistance is true and accurate.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**APPLYING FOR GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE YMCA**

**SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE PROGRAMS**

**JC Penny Afterschool Grant Fund**

**Criteria:**

- 1. Child/ren must be enrolled in a YMCA After School Program.**
- 2. Families must remain in financially good standing with the YMCA in order to continue to receive funds from this source. All YMCA Accounts must remain current.**
- 3. Families must abide by all policies and procedures set forth in the School Age Child Care Program.**
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- 5. Provided that all criteria are met and funds can be awarded, families will receive financial assistance as outlined below:**

<b>Families with Annual Household Income Between...</b>	<b>Will Be Awarded</b>
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JC PENNY AFTERSCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION

A separate application will need to be completed for each child.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's School \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Dependents: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please state the program your child will enroll in: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us if you are: \_\_\_ Homeless \_\_\_ Unemployed \_\_\_ Full-Time Student

Income Sources:

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Date