

## Independence Bank Supports SACC Scholarship Fund With \$5,000 Grant

The Independence Community Foundation continues the Independence Community Bank's tradition of support for local charitable activities and targets community development. [\(You need a sentence right here that ties in the title and explains what this article is about.\)](#) The YMCA School-Age After-Care Program (SACC), offers a safe environment that helps to build confidence and self-esteem in children and helps working parents who struggle to find good, affordable child care. It's a win-win situation for everyone. The YMCA is the leading child-care provider in the United States. The Independence Community Foundation happily supports this program and the Meadowlands Area YMCA.

## Real Estate Developer Helps With Annual Campaign



**John Gloria** — Real Estate Developer, Attorney and YMCA Board Member — has donated \$2,500 to the 2005 Annual Campaign. Mr. Gloria has been an active board member since 2002, when he came to “lend a hand” and helped to organize our 2nd Annual Golf Outing. He became our Golf Committee Chairman and under his leadership, the outing has netted the YMCA \$75,000 over the past four years. Our Annual Campaign funds are used for School-Aged Child Care scholarships and to provide senior and disabled classes to the South Bergen communities. “The Meadowlands YMCA needs more people like John Gloria, with commitment and generosity for the community,” says Robin

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## Bcpbank Gives a “Step Up” to Local Seniors and the Disabled

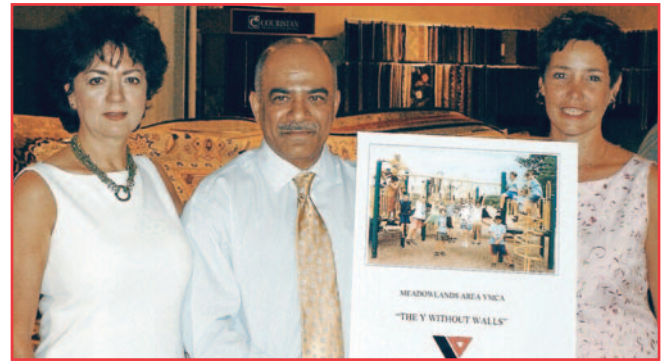
The new Bcpbank on Ridge Road in Lyndhurst is donating new “easy access” pool entry stairs to the YMCA for our pool at Faust Middle School in East Rutherford. The pool at Faust is warmer and better accommodates senior and disabled programs. The school is handicapped accessible and soon the new stairs will make it possible to offer more classes. Dan Leon, AVP-Branch Manager said, “We are happy to be help the YMCA in this small way. Like the YMCA, we too are looking for ways to better serve the community.”

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## The Rug Importer Hosts Benefit for Meadowlands Area YMCA

The Rug Importer and ArtVue, Inc. partnered together (when and where?) to help benefit the Meadowlands Area YMCA. Sponsors of this event included: Elegant Desserts, Jackson Café, Charlie Browns of Carlstadt, Rutherford Starbucks, Renaissance Meadowlands Hotels, and Solari's. Syed Hussaini, The Rug Importer store owner said, "It was a pleasure to support a wonderful organization like the YMCA." He then presented the Meadowlands YMCA with a \$500 check. The Rug Importer has stores in Paramus, Secaucus and Riverdale. "It was a beautiful event at the Paramus store.



"The rugs were so lush, the atmosphere at the store was wonderful, and there was so much good food!" remarked YMCA Development Director Robin Mazer. "We appreciate the efforts of The Rug Importer, ArtVue, and all the sponsors."

## Mills Corporation Continues to Support YMCA Programs

The Mills Corporation, real estate developers of XANADU, has made a donation of \$5,000 to the Meadowlands Area YMCA for senior and disabled programs and Childcare Scholarship. This year, Mills was our Gold Sponsor for the 5th Annual Golf Outing — which was our most successful event ever! We want to take this opportunity to thank Mills Corporation for their years of support and for including a YMCA for the South Bergen Communities at XANADU.

## NY/NJ Metro YMCA's Partner for "Strong Kids" Campaign

Watch for Strong Kids Campaign coming in February 2006. The New York/New Jersey Metro Area YMCA's are pooling our resources to do radio and TV ads for YMCA programs. Marcia Gay Harden, YMCA Board member is set to narrate and has volunteered to be our spokesperson. The YMCA builds "Strong Kids, Strong Families and Strong Communities," and we can't stop saying it.



## A Letter From the Editor

Happy Holidays to everyone. It has been a very good year for the Meadowlands Area YMCA. We have grown so many of our programs this year. I'd like to thank the Meadowlands Renaissance Hotels for their unsolicited donation and the Bergen County Block Grant for the grant for Senior Programs.



Robin Mazur, Editor,  
News & Views

Here are some of the highlights of 2005:

- ★ We are now providing School-Age Child-Care in Rutherford at four new locations.
- ★ We are offering over 60 Aquatic classes each session
- ★ Senior & Disabled Programs were better attended than ever.
- ★ Our fund raising efforts have increased 20% every year for the past four years.
- ★ The 5th Annual Golf Outing raised \$10,000 more than last year, thanks to our new golf committee.
- ★ We had twice as many volunteers working the 2005 Phone-A-Thon this year.

Proving once again, that the more people that get involved, the better everything goes.

Have a happy and safe holiday season and we'll talk again next year.

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