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Thank you to our Gala Committee! Your ideas, thoughts, creativity, and hard work helped to make our 2025 Casino Royale: An Evening in Las Vegas Gala a great success. The YMCA of Greenwich is so lucky to have your support.

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6:00PM

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Signature Drinks

Lugano Diamond Earring Opportunity Tickets For Sale

7:30PM

WELCOME

Master of Ceremonies: Dorothy Cascerceri Simone

Vice Board Chair Welcome: Robert Burton

CEO Welcome: Matthew Skaarup

7:45PM

FEATURE PRESENTATION

Award Presented to Honoree, Governor Ned Lamont

8:00PM

DINNER

Presented by Greenwich Country Club

8:15PM

LIVE AUCTION & APPEAL

Impact Video

Auctioneer: Ryan Kleinman

9:00PM

DESSERT & CASINO GAMES

Passed Mini Desserts

Casino Tables Open

Photo Booth Open

10:45PM

THANKS FOR JOINING US!

Opportunity Prize Drawing

Cash in Casino Chips for Tickets in Chance Auction



Matthew Skaarup



Welcome to the YMCA of Greenwich's Annual Gala, Casino Royale: An Evening in Las Vegas! We are so glad you've joined us tonight for what promises to be an unforgettable evening of fun, friendship, and philanthropy—all in support of a cause that touches lives every single day.

Each year, I am filled with gratitude and admiration for the collective effort that brings this event to life.

From our dedicated staff and tireless volunteers to our generous sponsors, donors, and community partners—thank you. Your belief in our mission and your willingness to give of your time, talent, and resources make everything we do possible.

For more than a century, the YMCA of Greenwich has served as a place where everyone belongs. Whether it's a child learning to swim, a senior staying active, or a family in need of critical child care, every person who walks through our doors matters. Because of your donations, we are able to ensure that every family—regardless of background or income—has a place at the Y.

But this work doesn't happen by chance. It happens because of people like you. Your support allows us to keep our doors open to everyone, regardless of their financial circumstances. It ensures that every family who needs the Y can find a home here. It means we can offer scholarships, run critical community programs, and continue to respond to the evolving needs of those we serve.

Tonight is not only a celebration of what we've accomplished—it's a reminder of what's possible when we come together. As you enjoy the evening's festivities, I hope you'll take a moment to reflect on the impact you've made by simply being here. Your presence and generosity are helping to build a more inclusive, connected, and compassionate Greenwich.

On behalf of our entire YMCA family, thank you for standing with us. We're honored to have you as a part of our mission—and our community.

DONATIONS AT WORK

When you support the Gala, you support programs that make a huge impact on the Greenwich community, including:



40%

of camp families receive scholarships, ensuring they have access to critical child care during the summer.



\$450K+

awarded in financial assistance to our community in 2024.



52%

of the students in our After School Enrichment Program receive financial aid assistance.



576

Membership For All scholarships awarded in 2024, ensuring everyone has a place at the Y.



100

children received new school clothing to start the school year through our Running Start Program.



3,000+

swim lessons offered to children and adults in 2024.



600+

4th grade students in Greenwich Public Schools learned critical water safety skills in our Safety Around Water program.



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The Murphy Family
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The Pike Family
The Rosenbaum Family
The Steinberg Family
The Wu Family

HONOREE

Governor Ned Lamont



A former Greenwich selectman and YMCA of Greenwich board member, Governor Lamont has been a champion for our communities—investing in childcare, youth programs, and water safety.

His commitment to service and leadership has made a lasting impact, and we are proud to celebrate his contributions at this year's gala.

Governor Ned Lamont has been a steadfast advocate for Connecticut's communities, serving as the state's 89th governor since January 9, 2019, and beginning his second term on January 4, 2023. His leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic was instrumental in guiding Connecticut through unprecedented challenges, and his commitment to the well-being of our residents continues to make a lasting impact.

Governor Lamont's dedication to public service began early, including his role as a Greenwich selectman from 1987 to 1989. A longtime supporter of the YMCA, he has deep ties to our mission, having served as a volunteer and board member of the Greenwich YMCA. His commitment to education and economic opportunity is evident in his work mentoring students at Harding High School in Bridgeport and fostering entrepreneurship as an adjunct professor at Central Connecticut State University.

Throughout his career, he has championed initiatives that strengthen our communities, including investments in childcare, summer enrichment grants, mental health programs for children, and water safety funding. His advocacy has helped Ys across Connecticut enhance their facilities and expand access to essential programs.

Governor Lamont's lifelong dedication to service, leadership, and opportunity embodies the values of the YMCA. We are honored to recognize him for his unwavering support of the YMCA and the people of Connecticut.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

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AUCTIONEER

Ryan Kleinman



Ryan Kleinman is a fundraising auctioneer and master of ceremonies with years of benefit fundraising experience. Currently partnered with Ace the Event, he has also worked with 501 Auctions, Givesmart by Community Brands, and Gesture. He loves this work as he gets to see all the wonderful programs and people that want to make a positive impact in the world, and help them exceed their fundraising goals.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Dorothy Cascerceri Simone



Dorothy Cascerceri Simone is a seasoned media professional, podcast host, and brand storyteller. A former celebrity correspondent and editor with features on NBC, E!, and People magazine, she now writes for JustLuxe and amplifies brands through engaging content. Dorothy has partnered with top companies like Dyson, La Croix, and Mondavi, and is also a passionate advocate for infertility, pregnancy loss, and PTSD awareness.

LIVE AUCTION

Ultimate Safari in Botswana

Embark on the trip of a lifetime with a six-night stay for two at two of Botswana's premier Wilderness camps. You'll enjoy three nights at Wilderness Vumbura Plains and three nights at Wilderness DumaTau, both renowned for their luxury accommodations, breathtaking landscapes, and unforgettable wildlife experiences.



Your safari adventure includes:

- Accommodations for two adults (shared basis)
- All meals, beverages (excluding premium imports), park fees, and scheduled camp activities
- Scheduled Wilderness Air light aircraft transfers within Botswana

Led by expert guides, your stay promises close-up encounters with Botswana's iconic wildlife, immersive outdoor experiences, and serene moments under African skies.

- Prize valid for travel between 11/1/25 - 4/30/26 and 11/1/26 - 4/30/27, excluding 12/20 - 1/11 and applicable public holidays.
- Subject to availability and contingent on other full-paying guests being present in camp.
- Non-transferable, not redeemable for cash, and cannot be combined with other offers.
- International and regional commercial flights, insurance, and personal expenses are not included.
- Prize winner letter must be presented at time of booking.
- Get ready for a once-in-a-lifetime journey through the heart of the African wilderness.

Generously donated by Wilderness Destinations

Value: \$25,000

LIVE AUCTION

Ride in the Orpheus Parade at Mardi Gras!

Be part of the magic of Mardi Gras with two coveted spots to ride on the legendary Orpheus Float during the iconic Orpheus Parade on Monday, February 16 at 6:00 PM in New Orleans! Founded by Harry Connick Jr., the Krewe of Orpheus is known for its dazzling lights, music, and elaborate floats-making this a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



This unforgettable package includes:

- Two official spots to ride on the Orpheus Float (open to any gender)
- Float costumes provided for both riders
- A 2-night stay in a King Room at the New Orleans Marriott Downtown from Sunday, February 15 - Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Get ready to throw beads, soak up the energy of the crowd, and make Mardi Gras memories that will last a lifetime!

Parade tickets generously donated by The Rosenbaum Family.
Hotel stay generously donated by the Pike Family.

Value: Priceless!

LIVE AUCTION

Chef's Table Experience at Greenwich Country Club



Immerse yourself in an unparalleled gastronomic experience at the Greenwich Country Club with 9 of your friends! Executive Chef John Johnson and his culinary team will prepare a magnificent five-course meal that will excite your taste buds with its superb flavors and exquisite presentation.

Each course will be perfectly paired with wine, providing an entirely innovative and indulgent culinary experience.

Generously donated by Greenwich Country Club
Value: \$5,000

SILENT AUCTION

At this year's Gala, guests (and even those who can't make it!) will have the opportunity to win tons of great prizes in our Silent Auction! Scan the QR code here to bid on these awesome items and experiences up for grabs.



Here are a few of the items included in our Silent Auction:

- Greenwich Town Party Tickets
- The Lumineers Concert Tickets
- Mets vs. Dodgers Game Tickets
- Knicks Game Tickets
- Luxury home and fashion items
- Health and wellness services
- Restaurant and Salon Gift Cards
- Photography sessions
- Private chef dinners
- Private lessons with YMCA coaches
- YMCA memberships & personal training sessions
- Local hotel stays and staycation experiences

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Thank you to the generous businesses and individuals who donated to our auction. Your support helps strengthen the YMCA of Greenwich and the community we serve.

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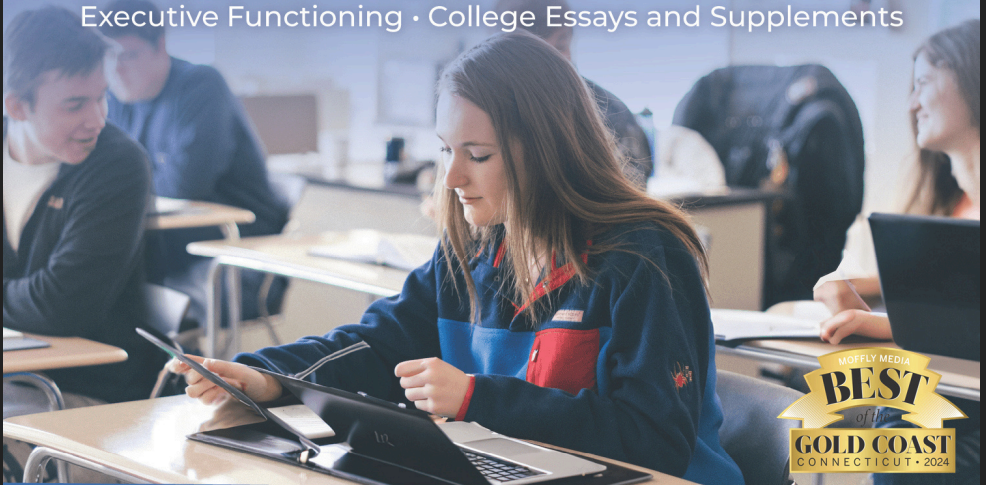
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Good luck in your upcoming tournaments 12U Boys!

Thank you to the amazing Greenwich Aquatics Coaches and YMCA staff for all that you do!

THE FAMILIES OF 12U BOYS



Huge respect to the 14U Girls Water Polo Squad for their time and dedication. Kudos to your athletic achievements!

Michaela, we love you and are so proud you're part of this team.

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Good luck to the 14U Girls in your upcoming tournaments!
Thank you Coach Daniela and the other coaches who support this team!
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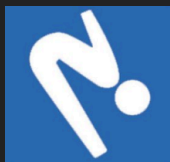


The Garcia-Alonso,
 Jennings, & Nassa
 families would like to
 thank our incredible
 Aquatics coaches
 and congratulate all
 of the 12U boys for
 a wonderful season!



Thank you so much to Noreen and Sandy for an incredible first year on the Marlins! We're so grateful for your unwavering support and encouragement throughout the season. And congratulations to Mason on your hard work, determination, and growth as a swimmer. We are proud of you!

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☀ Good Luck, Girls! ☀

Wishing all of our amazing athletes the best of luck at your tournaments this summer! Your hard work, dedication, and passion for the game never go unnoticed. Keep pushing, keep believing, and most importantly—have FUN out there!

We'll be cheering you on every step of the way. Let's make this summer one to remember! 🏊🏆
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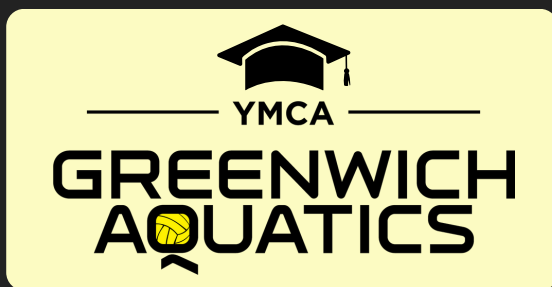
Good luck at Nationals, Marlins Divers! Thank you to our amazing coaches for another great year!

The Families of the Marlins Diving JO Team



Thank you to all the Greenwich Aquatics coaches and to the YMCA for not only preparing us for success but also expecting it, and for allowing us have an amazing time along the way!

Gratefully, the 18U Girls



**Congratulations &
Good Luck To The
Greenwich Aquatics
Graduating Seniors!**



Thank you, Greenwich Aquatics and the Greenwich YMCA for an amazing childhood of exciting water polo, best friends, great coaches and awesome times. Anzi, good luck taking it to Villanova and we are all proud of you!

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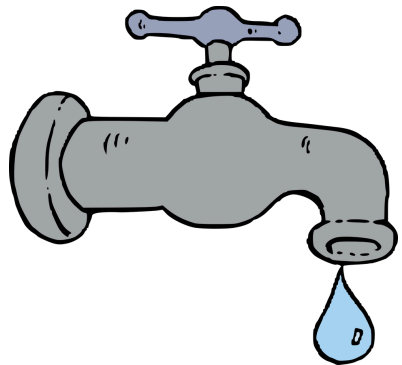
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 Good Luck in JO's!



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Christina and Howard Blaustein



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Behind every unforgettable evening is a team of passionate individuals who bring vision, creativity, and dedication to every detail. We are deeply grateful to our 2025 Gala Committee for their extraordinary efforts in planning

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