



**Peninsula
Metropolitan
YMCA**

*We build strong kids,
strong families,
strong communities.*

Volunteers are the epicenter of this great organization, the YMCA! Without them, much of the work that is done for the Northumberland community would not be possible.

They are an essential ingredient in community development, community relations and community support. It is the hard work of the volunteers that provides great programs like Bright Beginnings, youth sports and special events.

Because of their efforts in program development and fund raising, the Y's mission remains in the forefront of our Y and Northumberland County.

YVOLUNTEERS
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Congrats!



Buzz Lambert
2007 Director of the Year
Peninsula
Metropolitan YMCA

Character Note

Northumberland Family YMCA

Caring

Respect

Responsibility

Honesty

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Support Pledged to YMCA

By Mark Huffman

The Northumberland Family YMCA has taken a giant step closer to realizing its new \$3.6 million facility in Heathsville, with a generous gift from Kathy Wall Eskridge and Daniel A. Eskridge. The Heathsville couple has pledged a \$75,000 gift to name the new facility's Child Watch Room in memory of H. Ewing Wall, Jr.

"We are so appreciative and excited to get this kind of jump start to our fund raising campaign," said Betty Hall, chair of the YMCA's Capital Campaign. "Kathy and Dan are leading the way through their generous gift and by naming the Child Watch Center in memory of Ewing Wall. It affirms the confidence we have in the Northumberland community as we move from the drawing board toward a fully funded operation. This is how the



Northumberland Family YMCA Center will be built, by a caring and generous community." Kathy Eskridge (right) is shown receiving a commemorative plaque from Hall.

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Many Thanks!

Sonny Harper was recognized at the Peninsula Metropolitan YMCA's Annual Dinner, for his volunteer efforts at the Northumberland Family YMCA. He serves on the board of management, facility project committee, is an avid supporter of Bright Beginnings, and has helped with many Y programs.

Sonny has served with this YMCA for 4 years now, though the Y has been a part of his life since he was 5. "We are lucky to have volunteers like him," notes board chair Steve Radcliffe.

Thank you, Sonny, for all that you do!



V-Day Event Success



Fifteen area families took advantage of the YMCA's Valentine's Day Parent's Night Out program. Area parents dropped kids off at First Baptist Church for two hours while they had a date of their own. Kids enjoyed games, arts & crafts and a spaghetti dinner served by church and Y volunteers. Everyone had a fantastic time!

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Y | **ACTIVATE**
YMCA | **AMERICA**

YMCA HEALTHY KIDS® DAY

April 12
10am-1pm

**YMCA Office
and
Hughlett's Tavern**

Put play in your day, with YMCA Healthy Kids Day! This is a nation wide YMCA program designed to promote every aspect of healthy living for kids and families. Come learn about healthy cooking and healthy activities. Take the time to register for Y programs, library programs and more.

**Come celebrate
healthy living!**

NOW HIRING

Day Camp Director
Must be 21 with experience. Responsible for camp planning, staff supervision, and daily operations.

Day Camp Counselor
Must be 18 with a desire to work with children. Responsible for activity planning for groups up to 15 children. Lifeguard certified preferred, but not required.

Call 580-8901

B-Ball and Cheer Season Closes

The Northumberland Family YMCA Youth Basketball and Cheerleading season finished February 16. The league had five teams with youth ages 4-11. Games were held at the Northumberland Middle School and the Northern Neck Family YMCA.

A cheering squad, 16 strong, led the crowd each Saturday during game play. Pom-Pom's and cheer skirts were in full swing as each cheerleader took the opportunity to lead the squad. Girls age 5-12 participated.



The Northumberland Family YMCA would like to thank all of those who were involved with the program. "This is the first time a youth basketball league

has run in Northumberland County in over 4 years," says Y director Cristian Shirilla.

The 3-5 year old team was coached by Rachael Thomas; the 6-8 year olds were coached



by Stacey Lee and Chris Bingham; while the 9-11 year olds were coached by Dennis Lee and Sydnee Baker. The cheering squad was coached by Jenifer McCall and Mary Taylor.



"Our coaches did a phenomenal job with the kids, and really helped set this program up for future success," notes Shirilla.



The league will begin taking registrations for next year's season this fall at the end of November.



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CAMP REGISTRATION MARCH 10



Mother Nature has teased us with warm temperatures all winter, and soon summer will be here. What will your child do this summer? Bring them to the Y for Day Camp. With activities like games, songs, archery, fishing, swimming, field trips, and daily adventures we promise they'll sleep well at night!

Call the Y at
580-8901

YDAY CAMP

We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

Bam-Bam Registration March 7

\$20 Members
\$40 Program Participants



Holiday Camp March 24-28 Ages 5-12

\$75 includes field trips