

November 28, 2010

Town of Lamoine
P.O. Box 219
Lamoine, Maine 04605
Attn: Board of Selectmen

Dear Selectmen,

On behalf of the Board and staff of the Down East Family YMCA, I would like to thank the Town of Lamoine for their continued support of the YMCA. The accomplishments of the YMCA could not be attained without the support of the town.

This letter is our request to continue the funding for the YMCA. For the past **14 years** the town generously supported the YMCA and its goal to serve the citizens of Lamoine. This year the YMCA would like the Town to continue the support at the same level of last year of **\$3,000**. The YMCA has continued to offer more to the citizens of Lamoine while keeping costs reasonable. The following list is examples of the value that is offered by the YMCA.

- “**NEW**” – This past year the YMCA was fortunate to work with the City of Ellsworth to open a community center that became the new home to the YMCA Child Care Program and a new partnership with Faith in Action developed into a Senior Center all located at the former Moore School. This community center is also open to non-profit groups wishing to use space to hold meetings or functions free of charge.
- “**NEW**” – The opportunity to relocate the YMCA Child Care Program also provided additional space at the YMCA to expand our fitness program. The additional space is one example of why the usage from citizens of Lamoine has grown from **156 people** in 2009 to **284 people** as of November 28, 2010.
- “**NEW**” – The YMCA is proud to announce that the Zumba Program started in 2009 is still going strong with **130 people** attending our evening classes at the YMCA. Zumba is also being offered in Sullivan, Blue Hill, Waltham, Penobscot and Bucksport. The numerous classes are serving close to **500 people** per week. The Y also offers Zumbatonic for children – recognizing that “fitness is Fun” will hopefully have these youngsters continue a healthy lifestyle throughout their years. Coming this January will be Aqua-Zumba – this will be a fantastic program that utilizes the water resistance and support for a great workout.

Oldies but still Goodies:

- The YMCA is still offering an afterschool program at the Lamoine Consolidated School with **12 children enrolled**. A nice hometown service for the citizens of Lamoine.
- The community skate park is in operation and this past year was available for skaters and bikers to do “their thing” in a safe environment.
- Sports programs for all ages. We presently serve approximately 1,600 children yearly in all youth sports programs. In 2010 our travel basketball league expanded from 6 teams to 10 teams and the fall soccer program expanded by 60%.
- Active Older Adult programs have been expanding through free aqua fitness classes, cardiac rehabilitation programs and strength training for seniors.
- Citizens from Lamoine receive a lower rate due to the town’s support. To date there are **284 members** from the Town of Lamoine. This is a significant savings to citizens of Lamoine totaling **\$7,980**. The YMCA also provides time on **Saturday (1-4 pm)** and **Sunday (1-4 pm)** for all families of Lamoine to use the gym or pool **FREE of Charge!**
- In FY 2009 the Down East Family YMCA awarded **\$1,106** in scholarship assistance to citizens of Lamoine. The YMCA is committed to provide services to anyone in need at a reduce rate through our scholarship program. No one is turned away from the YMCA due to the inability to pay.

Selectmen, the above opportunities are provided because of the town’s support of the YMCA and I hope you will consider funding the YMCA at the same level as last year - **\$3,000**. Please let me know the date and time of the town’s budget and/or town meeting, and I would gladly attend to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter D. Farragher
CEO