



2010 Sustaining Campaign

My YMCA

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Our Goal: \$200,000

Final Total: \$203,602 or 102% of Goal



It was a **MAGICAL** evening as campaigners gathered to hear the final results for the YMCA of the East Valley Sustaining Campaign! The Masonic Hall was cheerfully decorated by the Color Committee and the air was filled with excitement as Mary Poppins drifted into the room singing "Just a Spoon Full of Sugar". Staff frantically calculated pledges while everyone was treated with a real home-style barbeque from Mill Creek and a delicious victory celebration cake!

The theme was "my favorite hero" and several of the Y staff elected to come as Ken Stein. Since we all know that Ken collects pigs of all shapes and sizes, we saw lots of "little piggies" wandering around the hall!



Matt Miller, Redlands Sports Coordinator gave an overview of the Hoopshots program. Program parent Mary Drexler spoke on the powerful impact it has made on her family. She stressed the importance of the program, pointing out how numerous developmentally disabled youth thrive in this unique program. Highlighting the season is the U of R's basketball team coming to work with the kids.



Crissy Fitch gave a personal account of what the YMCA has done for her family. She is a mother of 5 children, two of whom have special needs. Their participation in basketball and the Great Y Circus has helped them gain confidence and independence. "We are always welcomed, greeted by name and made to feel special. That is so important," she added.



The evening's entertainment was provided by the Great Y Circus. We enjoyed unicycling, juggling and a magic show. I thought if was up close and watched carefully, I could figure out how they do it, but I am still mystified...

For the best portrayal of a hero, the Spirit Award was given to Annette Anderson. "Annette has battled cancer and faced challenges many would think insurmountable. She is an inspiration to us all and we consider her a true hero," said Sam Handley.



As Robin and her helpers announced the recipients of the Trophy Awards, the anticipation grew while we watched the "money table" crew send information to Ken.



The prestigious **Joan Serrao Award** was presented to **Jerry Bohn** for his outstanding commitment and leadership to the YMCA's Sustaining Campaign.



Beautifully framed pictures painted by young YMCA members were presented to our hard working Division Leaders and **Jack Avakian** received special recognition for his leadership and motivational spirit. We could NOT have done it without you Jack! Thanks to **Ron O'Neil** who crafted special YMCA bird houses for awards. They were so popular that Ron may have a new career ahead of him!



Top Rookie award went to **Cari Schaefer** bringing in \$4,975!
Alaina Matthews received the **Top Campaigner Award** at \$11,200.
Top Team Award went to the **Rose Narcisse Team** for raising \$17,735. Way to go Rose! After a very close race, the **Top Division Award** went to the **Ben Myers Division!**



Reporting... (we are still getting pledges, so these totals will change)

Division (to date)

Hill, Margaret
 Bohn, Jerry
 Myers, Ben
 Gerstenslager, Jim

Total

\$ 44,963
 \$ 55,352
 \$ 55,460
 \$ 47,827

Top Division

Top Team

Top Campaigner

Top Rookie Campaigner

Ben Myers \$ 55,460
 Rose Narcisse \$ 17,735
 Alaina Matthews \$ 11,200
 Cari Schaefer \$ 4,975

Individual Awards

\$600

Quota Busters

Judi Penman
 Janey Cole
 Sig Dellhime
 Tiffany Mendoza
 Brenda Dowdy
 Cindy Mecate
 Don Gifford
 Mark Gordon
 Rita Osborne
 Shelli Stockton
 Alaina Matthews

\$1,200

Double Quota

Krystal Taylor
 Judi Penman
 Janey Cole
 Crissy Fitch
 Shelly Stockton
 Alaina Matthews

\$1,800

Triple Quota

Margaret Hill
 Rose Narcisse
 Tracy Gray
 Ann McMahon
 Stephanie Heaston
 Krystal Taylor
 Shelly Stockton
 Alaina Matthews

\$4,000.00

Mega Quota

Alaina Matthews



Wrapping up the evening with his weekly Campaigner's Support Circle, **Jack Avakian** gave a final **THANK YOU** to everyone. "It has been done by all of you-the volunteers," he said. "Can you believe-we did it! Hoo-yah," Jack concluded.

Remember... The Y is not a building or even a program. The YMCA is comprised of the people who care about it and make it come alive. **YOU** are the YMCA.

