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SUPPORTING Y-HOOPS AT THE BOOTHBAY REGION YMCA

As of 4/1/26

THE RUSSELL GYMNASIUM IS WHERE IT ALL STARTED.

Built in 1967, the Russell Gymnasium was the first space constructed on the Boothbay Region YMCA's main campus. It was built to support youth sports and give young people a place to play, grow, and belong.

For nearly six decades, the Russell Gym has been the center of indoor life at the Y, welcoming generations of children, teens, families, schools, musicians, and community partners. Now, there is an opportunity to restore the Russell Gym to serve the next generation.



James Naismith invented the game of basketball at the International YMCA training school in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1890.

IT'S LITERALLY WHERE ALL THE GAMES BEGAN.

Basketball and volleyball weren't just played at the YMCA, they were **invented** at the YMCA!

Both sports were created at YMCA training schools in the late 1800s, designed to keep young people active, connected, and engaged through teamwork and play. That legacy lives on every time a ball hits the floor at the Russell Gym.

With a strong community culture of basketball, the Russell Gym is primarily used for playing Hoops. However, it has become one of the most versatile and heavily utilized spaces at the Y. It is a hub for teens to gather after school and is used for overflow pickleball courts, rollerblading, floor hockey,

Y-Arts performances, youth dances, movie nights, special events, and as a large space used by the Y's youngest friends at the Harbor Montessori School. It is even utilized by businesses when extensive indoor space is needed, including our local sailmaker when he needs to measure and cut large scale sails on the floor.

HONORING THE PAST, STEWARDING THE FUTURE.



The Russell Gym holds many stories of generosity and commitment from people who believed deeply in the YMCA's mission. When the Russell Gymnasium was first imagined and brought to life in the 1960s, George Cochrane played a pivotal role. As the first President of the Boothbay Region YMCA, George helped make the gym a reality, laying the foundation for a space dedicated to youth sports, teamwork, and community connection. Together with his wife Ann, he believed in the power of the YMCA to shape young lives and strengthen the Boothbay

region for generations. As the Gym is refreshed, the Y is pleased to announce that the court will be named in honor of **Ann and George Cochrane**.

Above the Cochrane Court to the South sits the beloved "Crow's Nest," built in the early 2000s by **Scott Bennett, Sr.** and **Bill Haney**, with materials donated by Hammond Lumber. From this perch, Neal Verge was a frequent game announcer in years past. Today, there are announcers as well as cameras that can stream games live via FaceBook, broadcasting games to people who are not able to come to the Russell Gym in person. It's an advance that makes games accessible to everyone. The Crow's Nest is a space that spectators and announcers alike enjoy and it will remain in place for future tournaments and games.

The late great **I.J. "Coach" Pinkham** coached summer basketball at the Y in addition to his role as the head boys' basketball coach at the Boothbay Region High School, and as the winningest coach in Maine boy's high school basketball. I.J.'s spirit continues through his family's deep connection to the YMCA. His wife, Peggy, has served on the Y's Board of Trustees and continues today as Treasurer. Their sons Matthew and Tim and

grandchildren River, Saylor, Henry, and Graham all spend time on the court. Now, Tim, carries on I.J.'s legacy by coaching the boy's youth traveling team. He and an enthusiastic committee put together an incredibly successful inaugural "I.J. Pinkham Memorial Classic" youth basketball tournament that was held in February 2026 in the Russell Gymnasium, starting a new tradition for the next generation of Y-Hoops players. And, as was fitting, Tim's team won the first tournament championship!



Visionary leadership, volunteer craftsmanship, local generosity, and a cultivated community basketball culture are what make the Russell Gymnasium more than just a space. They make it a home court for community, where effort, pride, and opportunity echo far beyond the final buzzer.

Russell Gym has always been shaped by

people who cared enough to envision it, build it, improve it, and pass traditions along to the next generation. **That is the spirit of this capital project.**

Y-HOOPS COMMITTEE.

There is a strong Y-Hoop culture in our community which has created a strong desire to assist with this project. There is an enthusiastic group of volunteers working with the Y to brainstorm and assist with events and fundraising:

Dan Hallinan, Y Trustee Liaison
Tim Pinkham
Peggy Pinkham
Lesley and Brian Blethen
Charlie Britton

Kaitlin James
Adam Taylor
Trevor Tibbetts
Andy Hamblett, Y CEO
Allyson Goodwin, Y Development Director

SUPPORTING Y-HOOPS DETAILS AND PHASES. This project is an opportunity to first refurbish the floor and then to improve the overall experience in the Russell Gym. In order to maximize efficiency and save on resources, *it would be ideal to refurbish the Gym floor at the same time as the floor in Performing Arts Studio in the Y-Arts Center, which is slated to be refinished during the April school vacation.*

The goal is to complete **PHASE I and raise \$30,000 in pledges** to refinish the floor and replace the old Y logo at Center Court by April 1, 2026 (**COMPLETE**). Pledges may be made now and paid out over a five-year period. If there is fundraising interest from donors for the rest of the desired renovations, the Y will move forward to **PHASE II** to secure \$200,000 in pledges by June 1, 2026.

**PHASE I: \$30,000 IN PLEDGES
TO BE RAISED
BY APRIL 1, 2026 – COMPLETE**

1. Refinish the gym floor with new markings for basketball and volleyball.
2. Replace the outdated Y logo.
3. Updated signage.

**PHASE II: \$200,000 IN PLEDGES
TO BE RAISED
BY JUNE 1, 2026**

1. 6) new electronic adjustable basketball hoops for younger players.
2. An electronic dividing curtain to create two program spaces.
3. New electronic bleachers and paint.



LET'S MAKE THIS PROJECT A SLAM DUNK!

The Y encourages participation from everyone who supports Y-Hoops in the community. Consider **naming your gift in honor or in memory** of someone. It's a great way to support the Y and recognize a loved one at the same time. Also, think about teaming up with others and pool your gifts to name something that is meaningful to you.



You can support Y-Hoops with a gift or pledge of any amount to be paid later. You can send a check made out to the Boothbay Region YMCA with "Y Hoops" in the memo field. Or go-online and choose **Supporting Y-Hoops** in the drop-down menu.

Y-HOOPS NAMING OPPORTUNITIES.

FUND YOUR SHIRT NUMBER! (Limitless).....VARYING AMOUNTS

Fund your shirt number (or pick a new one) with any increment, e.g.: if you were number 19, consider \$19, \$199, \$1,999, etc. Your number will be listed next to your name on the wall.

EAST AND WEST WALL ALUMINUM SIGNS (27 Current).....\$500 each

Recognition for Business Partners with a 2x2 sign with a logo, renewable annually.

HOME AND VISITOR BENCHES (4).....\$1,000 each

Your name or logo with permanent recognition on the bench.

SPONSORSHIP BANNERS (6)..... \$2,500 each

High-visibility 6x4 banner for Business Partners across from the bleachers, renewable annually.

NEW BASKETBALL HOOPS (6).....\$10,000 each (4) NAMED

Your name or logo with permanent recognition on the wall by the individual hoop.

CENTER COURT CURTAIN (1)..... \$25,000

Curtain is needed to create two program spaces and lift higher in the ceiling. Your name or logo with permanent recognition and a plaque on the wall.

NEW ELECTRONIC BLEACHERS..... \$75,000

Your name or logo with permanent recognition on the wall by the bleachers.

COCHRANE COURT..... NAMED

DONOR WALL PLAQUE..... ALL GIFTS

All gifts, regardless of the size, will be listed in alphabetical order on a plaque inside the gym.



Y-HOOPS PLEDGE FORM.

Pledges to the Y-Hoops project at the Boothbay Region YMCA can be paid out over a period of five years with cash, payment via credit card, through a bank account, gifts if stock and done so once, monthly, or quarterly. Please contact the Development Office for stock transfer information and/or wiring instructions.

Name(s): _____ Date _____

Primary Mailing Address: _____

Cell Phone(s): _____
Cell Phone (Donor Name 1) Cell Phone (Donor Name 2)

Email Addresses(s): _____
Email (Donor Name 1) Email Donor (Donor Name 2)

GIFT OR PLEDGE INFORMATION

Please indicate your intentions for one or more of the Y's top philanthropic priorities:

- SUPPORTING Y-HOOPS:** \$ _____ Gift Pledge
- and/or **YMCA ANNUAL FUND:** \$ _____ Gift Pledge (Will be matched 1:1!)
- and/or **CAMP K FUND:** \$ _____ Gift Pledge (Will be matched 1:1!)
- and/or **LEADERSHIP LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND:** \$ _____ Gift Pledge (Will be matched 1:1!)
In honor of Andy Hamblett (see the YMCA website for more information)

For **recognition** purposes, please list my/our name in the Annual Report as (please print):

_____ I/we wish to remain anonymous

This gift is made in **honor** of in **memory** of _____

I/we would like to reserve the following **naming opportunity** _____

FOR PLEDGES

You will receive an acknowledgement of your pledge and a receipt at the end of the calendar year:

My/our total pledge gift will be paid over (number) _____ years (up to five years) in installments of \$ _____ on a monthly quarterly or annual basis.

The **first** pledge payment will be on or about _____ (date).

- Please send **pledge reminders.**
- Please see **payment method, on other side.**

PAYMENT INFORMATION

You will receive a receipt after you have made your gift:

Check enclosed or will be mailed: Please make check payable to the **Boothbay Region YMCA.**

Credit Card: Use Card on File Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Name on Card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: ___/___/_____ Security Code: _____ Zip Code: _____

Stock: I/we plan to set up an asset transfer and will await information from the Development Office.

PLANNED GIVING INTENTIONS

- I/we would like to make a new provision in my/our estate plans. Please contact me/us for a confidential conversation.
- I/we have made a provision in my/our estate plans, but are informing the Y now and would like to be recognized in the Legacy Circle.
- I/we are already recognized in the Y's **Legacy Circle.**

DONOR SIGNATURE(S):

Donor signature(s) _____ Date _____

BRYMCA Representative _____ Date _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

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The Boothbay Region YMCA understands that a donor's circumstance can change during the life of a pledge and the Y requests a confidential conversation and/or documentation in writing if a situation arises and a pledge cannot be fulfilled or if a payment is going to be delayed. In the unusual event that the Y does not expend all donated funds and the interest earned therein, the Y shall notify the donor. It shall be within the donor's sole discretion whether to direct the Y to retain or return such funds. Should the donor require the return of the unexpended funds and interest earned thereon, the Y shall return the funds in a timely fashion.