



Northeast Utilities Foundation

News Release

NU Foundation Supports Waterbury YMCA \$50,000 contribution to support capital campaign

BERLIN, Connecticut, June 24, 2004 – The Northeast Utilities (NU) Foundation is pleased to announce a contribution of \$50,000 to the Greater Waterbury YMCA's capital building campaign.

“The YMCA is an important part of many communities, across America and throughout Connecticut,” said Theresa Hopkins-Staten, chairman of the board and president of the Northeast Utilities Foundation. “The NU Foundation is proud to be associated with the YMCA in Waterbury and we look forward to working with this exceptional organization in the years ahead.”

The Greater Waterbury YMCA's capital campaign will fund renovations and facility enhancements at 136 West Main Street in Waterbury as well as support improvements at Camp Mataucha in Watertown. The campaign will also help fund renovation work on the YMCA's large pool, gymnasium, and locker rooms.

Hopkins-Staten is also the director of community relations and programs for The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P), a subsidiary of NU. She was joined at a check presentation ceremony on June 24, by Bob Drain, director of division operations for CL&P, and Andrew Roberts, executive director of the Greater Waterbury YMCA.

The YMCA serves Waterbury, Watertown, Woodbury, Middlebury, Prospect, Thomaston, Southbury, Bethlehem and Wolcott. The nationally accredited pre-school and daycare program at the Waterbury center serves a total of 80 children daily, with an additional 100 children served at the Y's other four centers. Three summer camps provide healthy, active alternatives for an average of 500 children daily throughout the summer. The Y offers aquatics for all ages, racquetball, aerobics and fitness, teen programs, basketball leagues, and state-of-the-art facilities for their 7,500 members to use for exercise and recreation. Last year the YMCA offered more than \$100,000 in financial aid for families in need for its various camps, memberships, and childcare programs.

The Northeast Utilities Foundation was established in 1998 to support community initiatives in education, the environment, the arts, and health and human services. For additional information, please visit www.nu.com/aboutNU/foundation.asp.

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