

### SCHOOR DEPALMA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTES TO YMCA FUNDRAISER

*Charitable Extension of Manalapan Firm Pledges \$10,000 Toward Expansion Project*

**Hamilton, NJ – August 5, 2006** - The Schoor DePalma Community Foundation (SDFC), the philanthropic arm of the regional engineering and consulting firm Schoor DePalma, recently pledged a donation of \$10,000 to the Hamilton Area YMCA. This YMCA is currently raising funds to finance a \$3.4 million expansion project for its facility on Whitehorse-Mercerville Rd. in Hamilton Township.

“This donation puts us one step closer to our goal of raising \$1.7 million,” remarked James J. Fell, Chief Executive Office for the Hamilton Area YMCA. “With this necessary expansion of recreational areas the YMCA will be able to service its members and guests more efficiently and effectively, increase the number and variety of programs, and encourage families to spend more time together.”

The Hamilton YMCA currently services 13,000 members and averages a renewal and new membership rate of nearly 300 memberships per month. As a result, most of the youth progressive classes it offers reach maximum capacity within days of registration; the YMCA's child learning and development center and before/after school programs are at capacity; the Youth Basketball League is running out of time and space to play. The YMCA has temporarily solved these problems by renting space elsewhere, but this is expensive and operationally inefficient and even these off-site programs are filling up.

The donation from the SDCF will go towards the proposed expansion project, to be constructed on land adjacent to the current facility. The new facilities may include a 6,000 square-foot wellness center with cardiovascular and weight equipment, a 5,500 square-foot addition for community programs and office space, and a 7,300 square-foot additional gymnasium. When the additions are completed, the total size of the Hamilton facilities will total 67,000 SF.

Schoor DePalma has long held the belief that it has a responsibility to support the local communities it serves on an ongoing basis. This philosophy led to the creation of the SDCF in 2004. Since its inception the Foundation has donated over \$230,000 to benefit causes as far reaching as relief efforts for international disasters and as close to home as hardship assistance for individuals within the firm. Their community outreach programs support a number of educational, emergency, cultural, medical, and social needs of the community.

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