

# GOLDEN NUGGETS



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Capital Campaign Updates from the YMCA



## BEFORE & AFTER: THE SUCCESS OF THE 2008 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

A big THANK YOU to those who contributed to the 2008 Capital Campaign. Without the much needed expansion of our facility it would not have been possible to transform the lives of so many and to:

- Grow the Youth Basketball league from 100 participants to over 300 participants
- Start an afterschool sports program that serves over 550 children per year
- Begin many new programs, such as volleyball, pickleball, skills and drills clinics, futsal, Wednesday enrichment programs and a competitive travel basketball team
- Serve students during schools-out days, including winter and spring break camps
- Create memorable moments for more kids during the summer through our Sports Camps
- Help more adults get healthy through large group exercise classes that are held regularly
- Host large events such as family nights, Association-wide assemblies, member campaign events, gymnastic exhibitions and many others
- More than double the number of youth we serve in our gymnastics program

## CAMPAIGN OUTLOOK

Welcome to the fifth edition of "Golden Nuggets," a monthly campaign update for friends of the YMCA.

For this issue, we are taking a look back at the success of our last capital campaign and some of the many highlights at the Y that would not have been possible without the support of our community.

In 2008, more than \$3.8 million contributed to a completely new gymnasium and lobby viewing area, allowing the gymnastics programs to have a space of their own and an increase in the number of participants in everything from basketball to pickleball. The expansion also resulted in new revenue streams that are still trickling back into programming and upkeep of our facilities. Seven years later, as we are again working to better serve our community, we are proud to share the ever-growing impact of the 2008 Capital Campaign.



**Sue Ball**  
Regional Vice President



**Buzz Woolley**  
Honorary Campaign Chair

# PROGRESS UPDATE

Naming opportunities are still available. Please let us know if you, or a colleague, friend or family member may want to leave their own legacy by supporting the future of families in the community and generations to come.

Contact Kara Smith at 858.453.3483.



## A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

The opening of a new gymnasium meant that gymnastics would no longer have to share its space. This led to the creation of a fully equipped gymnastics center where youth could learn gymnastics, strength, flexibility, coordination and self-confidence. Since 2008, the ability to have a full-time gymnastics center has resulted in an increase in enrollment from approximately 4,000 to more than 8,000. This past summer, the La Jolla YMCA Gymnastics Team was one of 30 teams from across the country selected to compete at the USA Gymnastics All National Championships, in Orlando, Florida. The La Jolla YMCA team earned two first-place awards and one third-place award — making them National Champions!

For the current capital campaign, we have received generous gifts from several lead donors, but additional support is needed to bring these projects to fruition and provide better service than ever. Please share this opportunity with your network and help us pave the way for even more gold medals.

### 2008 Capital Campaign Donors (\$25,000+)

Anna Abbott	Joseph & Ingrid Hibben	Art and Jeannie Rivkin
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Connie Golden		

GOAL:  
\$15.5 million

\$10 million

\$5 million



On our way to serving more people than ever before!

**OUR MISSION:** The YMCA of San Diego County is dedicated to improving the quality of human life and to helping all people realize their fullest potential as children of God through the development of spirit, mind and body.

## A LASTING IMPACT

“The transformation from 2008 to where we are today has been so impactful and it is so rewarding to see the thousands of smiling faces who learn new skills, overcome fears, learn to compete, make new friends and are living a healthy lifestyle because of the Y. I can’t thank the community enough for supporting me and so many others.” – Suzy O’Neal, Director of Sports and Gymnastics

Suzy O’Neal first went to the Y when she was 8 years old and has been on our staff since she was only 16 years old.