

FAST facts...

- The Regional Community YMCA (RCYMCA) will be made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Town of Putnam, the Newell D. Hale Foundation, state agencies and private organizations and individuals.
- The RCYMCA will provide programs to the Northeastern Connecticut community. The YMCA strives to provide programs and services to all regardless of ability to pay. The cost of membership will be on a sliding scale, according to a family's household income.
- Area towns will benefit from a YMCA that will serve people of all ages, at no cost to the towns.
- Once the building is built the [YMCA of Greater Hartford](#) (GHYMCA) will be fully responsible for all operating costs of the facility. Currently, the YMCA of Greater Hartford consists of 11 branches and two resident camps providing more than 100 programs in Hartford, Tolland and Windham counties, serving 52 communities.
- It is estimated that the RCYMCA will provide between 75 and 100 full and part-time positions locally. This will amount to 25 to 35 full-time equivalents (FTEs).
- It is proposed that the RCYMCA will have a 25 meter indoor lap swimming pool, health and wellness center, gathering places for seniors and teens, and community spaces.
- The RCYMCA will be located in Putnam at the former Wheelabrator property just off Interstate 395 – Exit 95. Key considerations were visibility and access to the highway. Putnam's new bridge, funded by the state, will provide access to the RCYMCA.
- The building will be approximately 40,000 square feet.



My late husband, Newell, loved to swim. We often talked about how wonderful it would be to have a local pool that EVERYONE in our community could use year-round. I'm thrilled that through the hard work of so many community members our dream will become a reality! The YMCA of Greater Hartford will provide everyone in our area not only access to a state-of-the-art pool, but also great family and community-centered programs. For the last 35 years, I've committed myself to enriching the lives of the children of Northeastern Connecticut, and it's my personal goal to make sure that every local second grader learns to swim.

Betty Hale
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Foundation