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YMCA Receives Grants to Support Swimming Education and Accessibility

Northbrook, Illinois: February 2017 – The Y is known as America’s swim instructor, so it’s no surprise that the [North Suburban YMCA](#) has always been a leading proponent of water safety and education, offering swim classes for all ages and abilities at its indoor aquatic center in Northbrook.

Now the Y has received generous grants from Underwriters Laboratories ([UL](#)) and the [Northbrook Civic Foundation](#) to enhance those efforts, helping to fund affordable swim lessons for children in need and provide equipment to make the pool more accessible for individuals with physical limitations.

Northbrook-based UL awarded \$1,000 to the NSYMCA to increase the accessibility of water safety for children in the community. The generous donation to the Y reflects the shared commitment of the organizations to promoting safety and wellness.

“The North Suburban YMCA’s mission is to provide people in the surrounding communities with programs that help them become healthier, more connected, and confident,” noted Tina Vaughn, Senior Corporate Citizenship/Giving Specialist for UL. “This mission is well aligned with UL’s mission to promote safe living and working environments for people. Supporting the North Suburban YMCA’s affordable swim lessons program is a great way for UL to help keep our neighboring families safe. We are proud to support the North Suburban YMCA and its swim program.”

The Y offers a year-round, comprehensive swim lesson program for infants through adults. Private lessons and group classes are taught by experienced teachers, with instruction available in seven different languages to support the Y’s diverse community.

In addition, the Y’s indoor pool is home to a variety of aquatics programs including a competitive swim team, low-impact fitness classes, SCUBA instruction, lifeguard certification, and recreational family swim hours. UL’s gift will provide financial assistance to allow families in need to participate in Y aquatics education programs.

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The North Suburban YMCA has also received a grant of \$3,500 from Northbrook Civic to fund the purchase of a new portable chair lift for the aquatics center, enabling persons with physical limitations and challenges to safely enter and exit the Y's pool.

The investment in a new lift reflects the Y's commitment to serving individuals with special needs. The new lift will replace outdated equipment with a safe, smooth-operating, and mobile alternative. The Civic grant is a significant step in funding the equipment's total projected cost of \$8,500.

"The NSYMCA believes that our aquatics and other programming should be available to all, and these grants will help us achieve that goal," noted Howard Schultz, NSYMCA President/CEO. "The addition of this new wheelchair lift, and the funding of affordable swim lessons for children in need, will help us to further develop our Y as a space where anyone can take part in life-changing programs. We are very grateful to UL and Northbrook Civic for their support of our efforts to make the community safer, healthier, and more inclusive."

The North Suburban YMCA is located at 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook. To make a donation or learn more about aquatics programs at the Y, visit [NSYMCA.org/Give](https://www.nsymca.org/Give) or call Senior Director of Development Adrienne Wright at 847 272 7250.

About the North Suburban YMCA

The North Suburban YMCA serves 15 northern suburbs of Chicago, and for over 48 years has provided programs and services that address youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility every day. Working together for good is who we are: an association of people united in a common effort to help individuals become healthier, more connected, and confident. There is no other nonprofit quite like the Y: we have the national and local presence and partnerships to not just promise, but deliver, positive change, making sure that everyone, regardless of age, income, or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive. For more information, visit [NSYMCA.org](https://www.nsymca.org).



Photo Caption: UL presented the North Suburban YMCA with a \$1000 donation to promote water safety through affordable swim lessons. Pictured l to r: NSYMCA Senior Manager of Community Investment Kim Nyren, NSYMCA Senior Director of Development Adrienne Wright, UL Senior Corporate Citizenship/Giving Specialist Tina Vaughan, and UL Education Partnership Manager Deepa Shankar.