



YMCA - YWCA of Northeast Avalon  
Ches Penney Family Y

**RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**  
MONDAY JULY 11, 2011 12:00-2:00PM



## Message from **Mr. Penney**

In July of 2009 we stood very close to this site to turn the first sod and begin construction of this wonderful facility. Crews have been working diligently to bring the structure together, but we all know it took far more than bricks and mortar to build the new Y. It started with a notion, an idea, and a belief that you could make it work- and then it took the heart and soul of hundreds of you to dig in- and work hard to bring it home to all of us.

I commend you all, each and every one of you, for your dedication, talent and for your commitment to our community.

When I was approached to donate to this project I sat at the board room table with several of my colleagues and family members, and I was shown a video. As I watched, I was struck by how far reaching the work of the Y was, but I also couldn't help but notice how our business group is also a community. Without the "community" of support I receive from all of my business partners- some of whom are also my sons and daughters, and from my entire extended family who support me in so many wonderful and various ways- I would not be able to make this donation. This is a fact, just as it is a fact that the Y serves our community in a unique and very important way.

As I look around me today I can see the faces of many, almost all, of my children and grandchildren. This is a very proud moment for me and it is a privilege for me to share it with you. Thank you all for supporting me.

To the entire Y Community I say- I believe in you, I believe in your cause, and I am honored to join you here today on this auspicious occasion.

Thank you,

Ches Penney



**Ches Penney**

## Message from **Project Chair, Y Board Chair, Y President & CEO**

We are excited that all those present today can join us in this celebration. A ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the completion of a new facility and soon after, opening our doors to our current and future members provides us with much pride. The knowledge that our expanded programming will aid in the general well-being of our community has made every step along the way well worth our efforts.

More than just a recreational centre that helps people and families feel better and meet their health goals - the Ches Penney Family Y brings with it a wealth of features and benefits to those living within the Northeast Avalon. Participating in the programs and services of the Y is only a stepping stone to being active and involved in the community in which you live; aiding in the achievement and successes of children, youth, and families.

The ribbon cutting ceremony is witness to the collaborative efforts of all those involved for the last five years. We express our gratitude for the dedication of time from campaign and project volunteers and staff, the inspiring generosity of our donors and the leadership shown by community members. You have created a wonderful gift to the community.

We look forward to the Ches Penney Family Y now and into the future providing many generations with a place to grow in spirit, mind and body.

Thank you,

Craig Rowe, Sharon Sparkes, & Jason Brown



**Craig Rowe**  
Project Committee Chair



**Sharon Sparkes**  
Y Board Chair



**Jason Brown**  
President & CEO

# Named Rooms

**Captain Robert A. Bartlett Aquatics Centre**  
Elinor Gill Ratcliffe

**Rotary Child & Family Development Centre**  
Rotary Clubs of: St. Johns, St. John's East, St. John's Northwest

**Bruneau Family Lobby**  
Jean & Angus Bruneau

**Garland Clarke Conditioning Centre**  
Fairview Investments Ltd.

**Hickman Automotive Group Playground**  
Hickman Automotive Group

**Bob Thorburn Fitness Studio**  
In Memory of Bob Thorburn

**G.J. Cahill Walking Trails**  
G.J. Cahill Ltd.

**Ernst & Young Employment & Enterprise Centre**  
Ernst & Young LLP

**N.D. Dobbins Cardio Area**  
N.D. Dobbins Group

**Pat & Mary Short Family Court**  
Newfound Disposal Systems Ltd.

**TD Leadership & Education Multi-purpose Room**  
TD

**United Way Room**  
United Way of Newfoundland & Labrador

**A.C. Crosbie Family Track**  
Crosbie Group of Companies

**Offices – Association Services**  
RBC

**Membership Sales and Services Welcome Desk**  
Coast 101.1

**Sobey's Welcome Garden**  
The Sobey Foundation

**Sun Life Terrace**  
Sun Life Financial

**RE/MAX Pool**  
RE/MAX

**Sky-lit Corridor**  
Newfoundland Labrador Liquor Corporation

**Strength Area #1**  
Stewart McKelvey

**Strength Area #2**  
In Memory of George Flynn – Tristar Mechanical

**Donor Wall**  
The Telegram

**Play Pool**  
Pro-Dive Marine Services

**Whirlpool**  
Manulife Financial

**Aquatics Viewing Area**  
Cox & Palmer

**Public Elevator**  
FIT For Work

**Member Elevator**  
Cal LeGrow Foundation

**Upper Foyer**  
Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc.

**Family Change Room**  
The Telegram

**Male General Change Room**  
In Memory of Henry Collingwood, Chairman of Baine Johnston Corp.

**Male Plus Change Room**  
Molson Coors Canada

**Female General Change Room**  
Coast 101.1

**Female Plus Change Room**  
Scotiabank

**Child Care Reception Area**  
Halliburton Group Canada

**Child Care Kitchen**  
In celebration of Kay Beresford & Maud Young – Vic & Eileen Young

**Child Care Staff & Resource Area**  
CIBC

**Infant Child Care Room**  
VOCM Cares Foundation

**Toddler Room**  
Burton Family – Jim & Dera Burton

**Preschool Room**  
Smallwood Family – Ray & Cathy Smallwood

**Kinder Care Room**  
King Family – Kevin & Myra King

**School-Age & Part Day Room**  
In Memory of Carmel J. Mahoney – Mahoney Family

**Front Entrance**  
Tim Hortons

**South Entrance**  
Northern Property REIT

# Program

<b>Welcome, 12:30 PM</b>	Craig Rowe, Project Committee Chair
<b>Expression of Thanks to Campaign Team</b>	Sharon Horan, Campaign Cabinet Chair
<b>Introduction of Mr. Penney</b>	Vic Young, Honourary Campaign Co-Chair
<b>Remarks</b>	Ches Penney
<b>Expression of Thanks and Remarks</b>	Craig Rowe, Project Committee Chair
<b>Remarks</b>	Jason Brown, President & CEO
<b>Declaration of Opening</b>	Sharon Sparkes, Y Board Chair
<b>Ribbon Cutting</b>	Ches Penney & Campaign Leaders
<b>Closing</b>	Craig Rowe, Project Committee Chair

# Expression of thanks to

## Our Board Members

Sharon Sparkes (Board Chair), Craig Rowe (Past Board Chair), Greg Dickie (Vice Chair), Scott Giannou (Vice Chair), Laurie Skinner (Treasurer), Laurie Clouston (Director), Sharon Horan (Director), Dave Mercer (Director), Jason Hillyard (Director), Evan Kipnis (Director), Kevin Fleming (Treasurer), Bonnie Simmons (Director), Jason Brown (Secretary, President & Chief Executive Officer).

## Our Committee Volunteers

### Y Strong Families Pre-Campaign Cabinet

Jean Bruneau, Gerry Carew, Tom Clift, Laurie Clouston, Eileen Collingwood, Scott Giannou, Sharon Horan (Chair), Jerry Kirkland, David Mercer, Craig Rowe.

### Y Strong Families Project Committee

Laurie Clouston, Scott Giannou, Sharon Horan, Jerry Kirkland, Craig Rowe (Chair), Sharon Sparkes.

### Y Strong Families Building Committee

Steve Bruneau, Greg Dickie, Jerry Kirkland (Chair), Gary Reardon, Craig Rowe, Sharon Sparkes.

### Y Strong Families Communications Committee

Maria Afonso, Gerry Carew, Laurie Clouston (Co-chair), Scott Giannou (Co-chair), Craig Rowe.

## Our Donors

The people, organizations and corporate partners whose generosity has made the Ches Penney Family Y a reality.

### Naming Donor – \$1,000,000

Penney Auto Group – City Honda, Mercedes-Benz St. John's, Penney Kia, Penney Mazda, Toyota Plaza, Pennecon Ltd., Principal Holdings Ltd., St. John's Dockyard (2009).

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### Y Strong Families Campaign Cabinet

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Donations to help build the new Ches Penney Family Y have been made in memory of: John R. Bennett, Kay Beresford, Dan Blundon, Garland Clarke, Henry Collingwood, George Flynn, Tracy Harris, Carmel J. Mahoney, David Martin, Harry North, Joan & William Northover, Jennifer Reardon, Bob Thorburn, Maud Young.

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