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## **YMCA Cape Cod Annual Meeting – Invest in Impact**

[BARNSTABLE COUNTY, 10/27/2020] – **YMCA Cape Cod** hosted its 2019 Annual Meeting, **Invest in Impact**, virtually this year on October 20, 2020. The event was postponed from an earlier date of March 24, 2020, scheduled to be held at Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster.

The Annual Meeting, sponsored by Cape Cod Five and Rockland Trust, recognized the contributions of our local Community Partners and celebrated the dedication and commitment of the Y's staff and volunteers.

The Community Partner awards are given to the Y's top collaborators who complement their strengths and deliver positive impact across Cape Cod. The **Thea Bowman AHANA Inter-Cultural Center at Boston College** received the Youth Development award for their unwavering support of the Y Achievers program, which empowers young people to reach their full potential. Recognized for their outstanding work in the Y swim program for children with disabilities, the **Cape Cod Collaborative** received the Healthy Living award. **Lawrence-Lynch Corp.** was the recipient of the Social Responsibility award for their generous contribution of time and materials which "paved a future pathway" on the access road to Camp Lyndon.

Volunteer awards were given to individuals who have dedicated their time, treasure, and talent to the YMCA Cape Cod in extraordinary ways throughout the year. **David Troutman**, Owner, Scargo Café, received the Champion of Time award, **Mark Hutker**, Founder, Hutker Architects, received the Champion of Treasure award, and **David Botting**, President and CEO of Community Connections, received the Champion of Talent award. The Mission Impact Champion award, for outstanding volunteer leadership, was given to **Amanda Wass** of the Alliance Equestrian Center at Camp Lyndon.

The Joanie Sutherland Spirit award, accompanied by a one-month campership was granted to **Alden Jordan** of Falmouth for demonstrating the Y's core character values of caring, honesty respect and responsibility.

Honored for their exemplary service, Y staff members received the following awards: **Nancy Correia**, Spirit Award, **Jeremy Shea**, Program Excellence Award, **Rylee Martin**, Outstanding Member Service Award, and **Onnicha Chaisit**, Employee of the Year.

Since 1966, the Y has played a pivotal leadership role in meeting the health and wellness needs specific to our community through three areas of focus: youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

Serving the Cape Cod community by providing programs rooted in their core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility, the Y serves 10,000 Cape Cod residents annually, from infants to seniors; no one is ever turned away due to the inability to pay.

The YMCA Cape Cod continues to be in service to the community through the Covid-19 pandemic and remains committed to providing safe and healthy activities for individuals and families. Focus for the upcoming year includes; Head Start and Early Head Start programs, which will expand services to 124 local children, Y LEAVES program for elementary students learning virtually while their parents are working, Y programs at outreach sites including schools and churches, child nutrition/hunger prevention programs and childcare scholarships across the Cape, and the ongoing fundraising efforts through the Upper Cape Y Founders Fund.