

38th Annual Prayer Breakfast

The YMCA mission and purpose are deeply grounded in the idea that by putting Christian principles into practice, we can develop more connected communities. Through an intentional effort to elevate Christian principles in the communities we serve, the YMCA of Greater Houston helps people to develop their spirit, mind, and body while strengthening the bonds that tie us together.

THURSDAY, MAY 2 | 7:30-9 AM

HILTON POST OAK | 2001 Post Oak Blvd, Houston, TX 77056

"Dr. David Newman is arguably the most educated person in the world on the history and mission of the YMCA. He shares with us the aims and values of our YMCA founder and also gives us practical insight on how to further them in contemporary YMCA contexts."

Joshua Heaston Director of Christian Mission YMCA of Greater Indianapolis

Keynote Speaker - David Newman

David is the lead pastor of Antioch Church in the Countryside YMCA in Lebanon, Ohio. He loves the YMCA and has a life-long passion to lift the "C" in the YMCA. He is grateful, beyond words, to spend his life preaching God's Word, hanging out with people, and seeing lives changed all around him!

Our Cause:

The YMCA is a powerful association of people joined together by a shared commitment to empower youth, build healthier families and foster more inclusive communities. The Y is a place where children, families and individuals can accomplish goals, create community, and connect to a cause greater than themselves.

Our Impact:

Knowing that belonging, relationships and achievement are key contributors to thriving communities, the work of elevating Christian principles is tightly aligned with the strategic priorities and 10-year vision of the YMCA.

380K

people participated in YMCA programs or membership in 2023

\$315K

Remaining in needed funds of the total \$620K 3-year initial investment to elevate Christian principles in our YMCA

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FOUNDATION

\$10.000

- Two VIP Tables (10 people each)
- Dinner for 2 guests Wednesday, May 1 with CEO
 Steve Ives and keynote speaker, David Newman
- Recognition and Logo on Event Materials
- Recognition at Event
- Digital Recognition in YMCA Centers

CORNERSTONE

\$5,000

- One Priority Table (10 people each)
- Logo on Event Materials
- Recognition at Event
- Digital Recognition in YMCA Centers

PILLAR

\$1,000

- One Table (10 people each)
- Name on Event Materials
- Recognition at Event

STONES

\$50

 Individual Ticket - Includes breakfast and parking



For more information on becoming a sponsor, please contact Rachel Shada at rachel.shada@ymcahouston.org or visit ymcahouston.org/prayer-breakfast.

Our Strategy

In 2023 the YMCA of Greater Houston piloted some of the elements of our strategy including staff and teen engagement at the YMCA Christian Values Conference at Blue Ridge Assembly, participation in onPrinciple, a two-year Christian Leadership program with YMCA's across the country, strengthening our Christian Leadership Resource Network, and incorporation of prayer walls in our real estate strategy. We have recently hired an Executive Director of Christian Principles.

On this rock we will build out the following strategies for elevating Christian presence and embedding the initiative in the long-range vision for our YMCA.

- Expand participation in the Christian Values Conference at Blue Ridge Assembly for teens each summer.
- Establish an annual Christian values conference at Camp Cullen for staff, members, and community partners.
- Providing quarterly gatherings/events to support the faith community.
- Create a Christian emphasis council including pastors of the churches worshiping at our Y's to connect the work of those congregations with the work of the Y.
- Develop partnerships to house chaplains at our Y's with Young Life and local churches.
- Develop prayer connections for members, staff and volunteers through technology and our prayer walls.
- Engage staff and members in monthly exploration of the 12 stone principles.

12 PRINCIPLES

Respect: Intention to be a vehicle for unity and oneness

Love: Commitment to elevating loving

kindness

Peace: Maintainers of peace in

community

Grace: Efforts to provide help for

those in need

Empowerment: Work in empowering

youth

Caring: Caring for our community

Faith: Strength gained from trusting

in what is unseen

Hope: Impact of a hopeful spirit

Honesty: Consistency between what

we say and do

Responsibility: Concern for and

welcoming of all

Justice: Building a compassionate

community

Servanthood: Commitment to do for

others what is needed

