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Are you aware of the many lives you have inspired and natural resources you have saved through your donation to the charitable arm of the Annapolis Yacht Club—The Annapolis Yacht Club Foundation? Through your generous contributions over the past 12 years, amateur sailors dream of gold, aspiring sailors receive scholarships to junior programs, exemplary organizations serving local youth such as We Care & Friends, Box of Rain, and the Maritime Museum Peace Canoe Project receive needed support, and we are preserving Annapolis's maritime heritage.

However, today's challenging financial environment is increasing the number of Annapolis Yacht Club Foundation (AYCF) grant requests, while contributions to the Foundation are failing to keep pace. ***Aspiring youth, champions, and protectors of the Bay need your help now!***

To continue serving the charitable needs of the community, the AYCF is conducting a special fundraising effort— "***Advancing Opportunities for Future Champions Drive***"—to meet this critical need. Make a donation now!

There are many ways you can make a gift to the AYCF Foundation:

- Click here <http://www.aycfoundation.org> to donate online
- Donate by phone at 410-263-9147
- Include a monthly gift to AYCF billed through your AYCF Invoice at <http://www.aycfoundation.org>

**When you make a donation of \$125.00 or more by September 2, 2009, you will receive tickets for two as the guests of the AYCF Board at a special event the last week in September.** Aboard the beautiful 160-foot yacht *Arabella*, (<http://www.cruise-arabella.com>), you will join the AYCF Board to meet some of the AYCF grantees for an elegant evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and music while anchored in Annapolis Harbor. In support of the Foundation's efforts, the owners of the *Arabella* have kindly donated this evening of entertainment, and Watermark Cruises (<http://www.watermarkcruises.com>) will provide water taxi service, providing the AYCF an opportunity to thank you for your contribution.

The AYCF Foundation is a non-profit foundation dedicated to growing the sport of sailing and giving back to the mid-Chesapeake Bay maritime community through competition, education, and preservation. Established by AYCF in 1997, it bestows grants quarterly to assist amateur sailors in national and international competition; provides needs-based scholarships for junior sailing programs; and supports select non-profit organizations whose mission involves working with underprivileged youth and preserving the Bay and its maritime heritage. For more information on AYCF and its grantees, please go online to <http://www.aycfoundation.org/>.

***We need your help. Be a champion by supporting future champions and make a tax-deductible donation today!***

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors of the AYCF Foundation

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