

Continued Support to Westchester Family YMCA Bolsters the Nonprofit's Post-COVID Outlook

March, 2021: Los Angeles, CA The William H. Hannon Foundation has announced another grant to the Westchester Family YMCA, continuing their longtime support of the local nonprofit youth organization. The William H. Hannon Foundation has supported the Westchester branch of the YMCA since 2007, with grants totaling over \$200,000 during that time.

The support will help fund the new Teens & Government (T&G) program. The program, which seeks to teach youth about civics and leadership skills, was launched in 2020 and specifically tailored to meet the needs of students in the greater Westchester area.

“The William H. Hannon Foundation is proud to support initiatives that teach the next generation about the importance of leadership and give them a sense of civic responsibility,” said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the Hannon Foundation. “The Teens & Government program provides opportunities and invaluable life skills that some youth may otherwise not ever have the opportunity to receive.”

The Teens & Government program stresses the importance of participation in local government and provides educational programs and workshops for students. The program, which is modeled after YMCA’s traditional Youth and Government program, has transitioned online with virtual panels and discussions with professors, legal professionals, activists, and civil servants.

“Organizations like the Westchester Family YMCA are an integral part in forming the next generation of leaders and is a cornerstone in the Westchester community,” said Aikenhead. “This past year has especially highlighted the importance for participating in local government.”