

ALL IN: PERSONAL EXPRESSIONS OF PHILANTHROPY

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A spirit of philanthropy has been a constant in the history of the New York Yacht Club, from the generosity of Commodore J. Pierpont Morgan's gift of vacant 44th Street real estate in 1897 to the donations that made possible the purchase of Harbour Court 90 years later. Why did they do it? Why do we continue to give? Perhaps it's the sense of responsibility that comes with being part of something bigger than oneself: Looking at who came before, imagining who will follow, and accepting that it's now our turn. Perhaps it's an awareness of stewardship: Walking in the door of either Clubhouse overwhelms one with appreciation for these incredible historic structures and the knowledge that their care is now in our hands. Or perhaps it's the recognition that our passion for sailing has been equaled in built form by two truly unique properties. By caring for these Clubhouses, we can continue the spirit of philanthropy—and excellence—that defines us.

Here, six current donors to the New York Yacht Club Foundation, the entity created in 2007 for the purpose of preserving our historic Clubhouses, answer the question, "Why I Give?"



Visit www.nyycfoundation.org to make a charitable contribution and to learn more about the historic buildings of the New York Yacht Club. Your support is crucial in preserving our past and safeguarding our future.

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David Bush Brown To Support Great Treasures



"When I was 11 and had fallen in love with sailing, my father took me to the 44th Street Clubhouse to show me the Model Room. We stood outside, across the street, before entering the Club and he explained the architectural significance of all the building's exterior detail. Needless to say, upon entering the Model Room, I was in awe. As we walked through the rest of the building, I continued to be impressed with the interior. I was a member when the Club purchased Harbour Court and was delighted to learn it too was architecturally significant with its [Frederick Law] Olmsted-designed grounds. Having learned years ago that both of the Club's properties were great treasures, I have supported the Foundation from its very inception."

Pam Murrin To Show Appreciation for Beauty and History



"I do what I can to contribute to the preservation of our two beautiful Club Houses because I am so appreciative of the ability to partake of them. I believe their beauty and history enrich our experiences as New York Yacht Club members and sailors."

D'Arcy Carr To Preserve Iconic and Historic Properties



"I support the Foundation first and foremost to preserve the incredible privilege of experiencing these iconic and historic properties in a private setting. It's also important in my mind that each of us plays a role and thereby supports donor breadth. Lastly, I am motivated by the thought that any donation, even a small one, can help to mitigate potential for dues-based assessments that make the Club less affordable to other members."

The New York Yacht Club Foundation has provided more than \$6.2 million in grants for preservation projects since 2007. To keep both historic Clubhouses at their best, members are encouraged to make a tax-deductible contribution by visiting the newly designed Foundation website nyycfoundation.org.

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Albert Nichols To Provide a Sense of Place



"Supporting the Foundation speaks to the importance of preserving the physical representations of our Club, which embody our traditions, provide us a sense of place, and evoke a feeling of camaraderie that is second only to being at sea. A moment of reflection on time spent at either Harbour Court or 44th Street will clarify, for any member, the virtue of the Foundation's mission. It's a mission that I enthusiastically support."

Dan Litchfield To Give Back to the Club



"I'm passionate about supporting the NYYC Foundation because the Clubhouses are such a unique and integral part of both the Club and American yachting history. Helping to restore, preserve, and improve these spaces feels like an impactful way to give back to the Club and sport I love so much!"

Barbara Dau To Steward Splendid Spaces



"Our splendid Clubhouses, particularly 44th Street, are national treasures that are physical embodiments of our Club and its proud history. What a privilege and joy it is to spend time in such magnificent historic structures with friends who share a passion for sailing! Old buildings don't take care of themselves. Each generation needs to steward our Clubhouses, just as their predecessors did, to preserve them for future generations. I want to be part of that, and hence I give each year to the NYYC Foundation."