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## **Plainfield YMCA Gala Set for May 20th, 2016 honors two Plainfield Residents**

This year the Plainfield YMCA will kick off its Annual Fundraising Campaign with its Annual Spring Gala on May 20, 2016 to be held at the Plainfield Country Club. This year's event will honor long-time Plainfield residents Mrs. Nina Weil who will receive the Dr. Jerome Wolff Achievement Award for long-time financial support and Mrs. Benda Anderson who will be presented with the Building Bridges Award for many decades of dedicated community service. Both ladies are longtime Plainfield residents and have both been ardent supporters of the Plainfield YMCA.

The event will feature a VIP reception, buffet, open bar, music, silent and live auctions. Last year's gala was a tremendous success, raising over \$125,000 from contributions, ticket sales and live and silent auction proceeds. This year's auction items include a signed 2015 Barclays PCC Flag by winner Jason Day, a golf outing for three at the Merion Country Club in Ardmore, Pennsylvania and many more enticing items. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Plainfield Y's many programs including summer camp, after school, foster care age-out programs and its emergency shelter program. Tickets are available and the public can RSVP by visiting the website at [www.plainfieldy.org](http://www.plainfieldy.org) or calling (908)756-6060.

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### **About The Plainfield YMCA:**

The Plainfield YMCA is a community-based, 501 (c) (3) nonprofit which has been providing housing and services to the community for over 138 years. The Plainfield YMCA, located at 518 Watchung Ave, Plainfield NJ has been operating in the City of Plainfield and surrounding towns since 1877 and serves the community with several youth oriented and emergency shelter programs. It is the largest non-profit in Plainfield impacting more than 2,000 youth, teens and families by providing a variety of high quality programs focused on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

As the leading nonprofit committed to youth development, the Y has a long history of encouraging and supporting children in building literacy, improving academic engagement and performance, skill building, accessing higher education, and employment training.

For additional information on the Plainfield YMCA please visit our website at [www.plainfieldy.org](http://www.plainfieldy.org) or contact Ravenell Williams at (908)756-6060.