

Camden Teen Center and Penobscot Bay YMCA Agree on Merger
Teen Center to host informational meeting on Monday, March 8th

Rockport – March 2, 2010 -- The Penobscot Bay YMCA and Teen Center Incorporated of Camden have agreed to merge into one non-profit entity that will ensure the continued provision of services for area youth at the Teen Center in Camden.

The merger will take effect on March 31, 2010. The YMCA Board of Directors voted unanimously to move forward with the merger at its February 16th meeting and its Teen Center counterparts mirrored the vote on February 25th. The YMCA will assume operations of the Teen Center on April 1, maintaining the same programs and activities that are already in place.

The reasons behind the merger of the two organizations, which have parallel missions, include the potential to enhance services for area youth and to ensure the long-term sustainability of Teen Center activities.

“I’m thrilled to have the Teen Center merging with the YMCA,” said Marcia Roberts Teen Center, Executive Director. “After two years of talks, negotiations, and due diligence work, we are confident that this is the right decision for our organization.” Jan Hall, President of the Teen Center, reinforced the organization’s commitment by saying, “Ultimately, we felt as an organization that this was the right thing to do for our participants. We feel this arrangement will improve services to area youth and also ensure that they are available for years to come.”

YMCA Executive Director Troy Curtis indicated the YMCAs intent to make this a seamless transition: “We thoroughly understand the importance of the Teen Center’s work in our community and are honored to be a part of it moving forward,” said Curtis. “It is our intent to continue to offer programs and services without interruption and with as few changes as possible.”

The Teen Center and YMCA have planned an informational meeting for interested parents, community members and representatives from the media on Monday, March 8th at 5:30 PM at the Teen Center. Those with questions regarding the merger and the Teen Center are encouraged to attend.

