

## ELIZABETH "BESS" EICHELBERGER ENDOWMENT FUND

Bess Eichelberger was a wonderful woman who was passionate about the welfare of the Plainfield community. If it wasn't the church or school, it was United Way, or some other worthy cause. Finally it was the YMCA. The YMCA was blessed to have Bess become a part of the team that made that dream a reality for Plainfield. The C. W. Avery Family YMCA proudly opened in February of 2006 with Bess at its front desk greeting excited guests as they entered the amazing, award winning facility. Later, Bess was part of the commendable team who attended national recognitions for design and fundraising excellence. She was so pleased and proud! Bess is pictured among her friends at the 2007 NAYDO Awards (North American YMCA Development Awards). The Greater Joliet Area YMCA was recognized for fundraising excellence in the construction of the C. W. Avery Family YMCA.

Bess passed away in 2009. While it can be said that Bess was fortunate to have lived such a long and productive life, we weren't ready to let her go yet. She will be missed in so many ways. Bess' memory will live on perpetually through the establishment of the Elizabeth "Bess" Eichelberger Endowment Fund. This fund will benefit those in need of financial assistance scholarships at the C. W. Avery Family YMCA. The YMCA will be forever grateful for the great support and generous spirit of Bess Eichelberger.



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We build strong kids,  
strong families, strong communities.



*Judy Avery, naming donor of the C. W. Avery Family YMCA, Bruce Berglund, YMCA Development Consultant, Bess Eichelberger, member of the Avery Capital Campaign Committee, Tami Sender, Greater Joliet Area YMCA President & CEO, and Ron & Kathy Kazmar, co-chairs of the Avery Capital Campaign at the 2007 NAYDO awards in San Francisco*

### YMCA Facts

- 1 out of 8 YMCA members at our 3 branches receives financial assistance
- 100% of every dollar contributed to the Elizabeth "Bess" Eichelberger Endowment is used to provide financial assistance to the C.W. Avery Family YMCA.