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**FAIRPOINT DONATES \$750 TO
GREATER MANCHESTER YMCA – ALLARD CENTER**

MANCHESTER, NH (August 11, 2009) – FairPoint Communications recently donated \$750 to the Goffstown Allard Center branch of the Greater Manchester Family YMCA. The donation was made to recognize the volunteer efforts of FairPoint employee Candy Cronin of Manchester.

Cronin has been a volunteer for the gymnastics program at the Allard Center for almost 12 years starting when her daughter first participated in the tumbling program though to competing with the gymnastics teams. During this time Ms. Cronin has helped with numerous fund raising efforts including the capitol campaign to raise much needed funds to upgrade the gymnastics equipment. She also is a volunteer at special events and gymnastics meets doing the scoring, registration and basically whatever else needs to be done.

According to Meg Norklun, senior program director for the YMCA's Allard Center, the help offered by volunteers is greatly appreciated. Money raised from Ms. Cronin's fundraising efforts also helps the gymnastics team send qualified members to national events where they develop their gymnastics skills and compete with other YMCA's from around the country.

The FairPoint Volunteer Incentive Program recognizes employees' contribution of time and talent to nonprofit organizations where they live and work. Under the program, FairPoint employees who volunteer at least 50 hours during the year can request that FairPoint reward the organization with a \$750 grant. Employees may request funds on behalf of two separate organizations for a total of \$1,500 each year.

The mission of the YMCA is to create a community where all are welcome. The YMCA builds a healthy spirit, mind and body in individuals and families while instilling the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility through its practices and programs. The gymnastics programs in particular offer a great opportunity for children of all ages to develop self-esteem as well as strength, flexibility and coordination.

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