



# PITTSFORD CREW

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*Serving area youth since 1997*

Dear Friend of Pittsford Crew,

Many of you will remember a time a little more than a decade ago, when youth rowing in the Rochester area was non-existent. While our region is well-suited to the sport with access to numerous waterways, there was nothing in the works through the schools or the community to invest the time, energy and funds necessary to start such a program for area high school students. In spite of this, many of us felt that a youth rowing program would be a tremendous asset to our community and took it upon ourselves to put forth the effort to make Pittsford Crew a reality. Without your support, there would have been no Pittsford Crew.

We are constantly amazed at what it has become during the twelve years since its inception. Pittsford Crew is a leader in the rowing community and a source of pride that sets our community apart. They have made significant contributions to the community by introducing the sport to area youth, restoring activity to the historic Erie Canal and bringing thousands of athletes and spectators to the region for annual rowing events. They now serve more than 120 athletes each season, and every summer teach more than 150 additional students in the Learn to Row and Intramural programs. Pittsford Crew has led the way for four other local scholastic programs in Monroe County, where high school rowing is now thriving.

Pittsford Crew's mission has always been and continues to be to provide a quality, safe and competitive rowing experience for area youth, many of whom will row in college and beyond. They teach teenage athletes not only how to row, but also the values of hard work, commitment, cooperation, goal setting and the pursuit of excellence. While the impact that this sport has had on the lives of many of our young people is difficult to measure, as we have followed the achievements of our alumni at collegiate, national and international competitions with considerable pride, we are acutely aware of the role that Pittsford Crew played in their lives.

Pittsford Crew is a non-profit organization that receives no support from outside funding sources, run solely through donations and the efforts of our parent volunteers. As the program has grown, they have found that not only are the facilities and equipment aging quickly from constant use, there is also insufficient space for winter programming needs. Repairs, improvements and replacement of equipment are only made possible through fundraising efforts. We would like to ask you, as a friend and past supporter of Pittsford Crew, to consider a renewed financial commitment to youth rowing. Your donation will be designated for updating our aging fleet of boats and creating a workout space for the athletes. Please join us in supporting Pittsford Crew and the quality work they do every day for the youth of Monroe County.

Most sincerely,

Rick Feins  
Founder, Pittsford Crew

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Co-founder, Pittsford Crew

Suanne Lippman  
President, Pittsford Crew

Jill Harter Lennox  
Vice President, Fundraising Chair

## Pittsford Crew Annual Campaign 2009

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**Pittsford Crew Annual Appeal**  
**P.O. Box 331**  
**Pittsford, NY 14534**

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