

Roy Yates' Y Story

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Roy Yates arrived in Everett in 1968 and soon found his way to the local YMCA. He started as a volunteer in the 1960s, the beginning of a commitment that would last more than three decades.

A banker by profession, Roy first joined the Everett board in 1976. In 1979, he became board president, serving until 1981. As a central figure in the capital drive, he was key to the process that resulted in the 1981 addition.

In 2001, Roy was still serving, this time on the county association board of trustees.

Highly connected to the Everett community, the past trustee and Everett board member re-engaged when the capital campaign started for the Everett branch, and he became a campaigner for it. Through it all, he continued his daily visits to the Everett Family YMCA.