



# *Swim for the Philippines*

Raising Money for Typhoon Haiyan Relief

November 27, 2013 | Westport Weston Family Y





**On Wednesday, November 27**, the Water Rat Swim Team will gather together at the Family Y for Swim for the Philippines, a five-hour event to raise money for Save the Children’s Typhoon Haiyan relief fund. Swimmers who are 8 and under will swim as many laps as they can in 30 minutes. Swimmers who are 9 and over will push themselves to see how many laps they can swim in 60 minutes. (See schedule below.)

Last year, this test of skill would not have been possible. In November 2012, the Water Rats had no place to practice and no place to host swim meets. The Family Y was closed because of Superstorm Sandy. We didn’t know if the building would ever reopen. But the property damage, inconvenience and uncertainty that we experienced in 2012 pales in comparison to the death, destruction and despair caused by Super Typhoon Haiyan. According to Philippine authorities, more than 11 million people have been affected by the typhoon.

This Thanksgiving we want to do more than feel fortunate; we want to help the millions of children who are at risk in the Philippines. That is why we are asking all Water Rats to spend the week before Thanksgiving asking family and friends to donate to Save the Children, one of the world’s leading independent organizations for children – which happens to be based in Westport.

Swimmers should use a contributor sheet from the PDF package to record donations. The sheets can be turned in during Swim for the Philippines or during practice over Thanksgiving weekend. But all contributor sheets and donors’ checks (which must be made to “Save the Children”) are due no later than practice on Monday, December 2, 2013.

We created a web page on Crowdrise, a fundraising site for charity that was started by Edward Norton. You can ask people to donate online at [Crowdrise.com/swimforthephilippines](http://Crowdrise.com/swimforthephilippines) (QR code right). Water Rat families and senior swimmers (13/over) can register on Crowdrise and join our team. This will allow you to solicit donations directly through your page. But whether you ask people to donate online or by check, you should know that during Swim for the Philippines we will acknowledge our top 16 fundraisers. And we’ll present the top 16 with thank you gifts after Thanksgiving.



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## Shallows of Y Stauffer Pool

White Group	2:00 - 2:30 pm	As many laps as possible of the width of pool
Red Group	2:30 - 3:00 pm	As many laps as possible of the width of pool
Blue Group	3:00 - 3:30 pm	As many laps as possible of the width of pool

## Y Stauffer Pool

Senior I & II	3:30 - 5:00 pm	As many laps as possible in one hour (minimum 200 lengths of the pool)
JAG I, II & III	5:00 - 6:00 pm	As many laps as possible in one hour
SAG	6:00 - 7:15 pm	As many laps as possible in one hour
TAG	6:00 - 7:15 pm	As many laps as possible in one hour



Swimmer \_\_\_\_\_

Practice Group \_\_\_\_\_



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Support me when I join my fellow Water Rats and "Swim for the Philippines."

We're raising money for Save the Children's Typhoon Haiyan relief effort.

**Checks should be made to "Save the Children" and reference "Westport**

**Swim."** If you prefer to pay by credit card, please go to

**[www.crowdrise.com/swimforthephilippines](http://www.crowdrise.com/swimforthephilippines).**

Donor	Address	Contribution \$50   \$100   \$250 Other	Paid Check Number or CC for Credit Card Payment Online

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