

## Donation helps YMCA pool project

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- Ed Boone, right, president of Branson Ultrasonic

Corp., talks with young swimmers at the Regional YMCA of Western Connecticut. He presented a check for \$50,000 to the YMCA. Branson is donating a total of \$250,000, which will go toward improvements to a swimming pool at the Greenknoll Branch. Greg Dembowski, second from right, is the development director for the YMCA.

BROOKFIELD -- Branson Ultrasonic Corp. of Danbury is donating \$250,000 to the Regional YMCA of Western Connecticut.

The money will be used to make improvements to a swimming pool at the Greenknoll Branch on Huckleberry Hill Road. YMCA officials are making changes to the Greenknoll campus to make the pool available for use year-round. Those changes include a new parking lot, expanded locker rooms and a 14,500-square-foot enclosure over the pool and pool deck.

So far, the YMCA has collected \$1.2 million for the project -- about half of what it needs, according to Greg Dembowski, development director for the YMCA.

Ed Boone, president of Branson Ultrasonic Corp., presented the first payment -- a \$50,000 check -- to YMCA officials in Brookfield Wednesday.

The donation is being made through the Emerson Electric Corp., Branson's parent company.

Boone said he hoped the donation would allow more children to use the Greenknoll swimming pool.

"The new pool at Camp Greenknoll, once enclosed, will provide swim lessons for generations to come to thousands of children who otherwise would not have the opportunity to learn to swim," Dembowski said.