

Dear Burnsville Y Community Member,

Every year, as we close out spring and welcome the excitement of summer, we take a step back to reflect and pen a letter to our amazing community of donors here at the **Burnsville YMCA**. This allows us to share an update on the accomplishments we have witnessed and all that we have planned for the second half of the year.

As one of our partners, making sure you know the latest and greatest is a high priority because you help bring these shining points to life!

First, though, we want to emphasize how thankful we are for your kind welcome over the last few months. Stepping into these new leadership roles has been a truly inspiring journey, and we are humbled to carry out this work alongside valued members like you.

Now, let's dig into the details! We are thrilled to share that:

- Our aquatics programming is expanding with an increased focus on our **safety around water** curriculum. We have partnered with local school districts and the City of Burnsville to spread the word about opportunities for kids of all ages to learn these critical lifesaving skills, noting the financial assistance options that are available to all families, regardless of membership status.
- After a thorough evaluation of our space usage and obtaining helpful feedback from our community, we are excited to be creating a **dedicated family wellbeing space** on the main floor. This area will be used for a variety of family-oriented activities and events, such as our **Monday Fun Day** programming that takes place weekly and has seen great success so far—between 30–40 families are attending each week! ForeverWell members also make use of this space for some of their daytime social engagements and activities.
- It is wonderful seeing our **ForeverWell** community and programming continue to grow and thrive! We have invested more in our onboarding process, which includes an initial fitness introduction and assessment, as well as a more general orientation to ensure every individual who joins feels welcome and informed on all our senior offerings. We are proud to be averaging 1,200 ForeverWell visits each month!
- In the months ahead, we will keep over 200 local K-6 kids engaged and active through our **Summer Power** and **Summer Sports** programs. Additionally, up to 250 teens will receive free memberships through our **Get Summer** program. We continue to provide opportunities for **homeschooling families** to use our gym and pool as well. It is great to rally together around our young people!



- Ensuring all community members have access to our programs and resources remains a high priority, especially as the **need for financial assistance** in areas like family memberships and swim lessons continues to rise. We see the wide-ranging impact of these donor-supported scholarship dollars each day and hope to reach even more individuals and families facing barriers through this funding in 2024 and beyond.

We want to express our deepest gratitude for your help in making all of this (plus so much more!) possible. Your ongoing generosity empowers us to continue showing up for our community members, purposefully evolving our programs and resources to meet diverse needs. It is no exaggeration to say that together, we are making a profound impact in the lives of many.

We look forward to sharing more with you in the coming months as we foster new opportunities to explore wellness, connection, and growth.

Thank you for being a vital part of our Burnsville Y community!

With gratitude and well wishes for a wonderful summer ahead,



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