

YOU ARE Y.



Dear Dayton 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 **Douglas Dayton 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, I want to emphasize how thankful I am for your kind welcome over the last few months. Stepping into this new leadership role has been a truly inspiring journey, and I am humbled to carry out this work alongside valued members like you.

Now, let's dig into the details! I am thrilled to share that:

- A terrific time was had by all who attended our **fundraising event** at Fulton Taproom last month with delicious food, drinks, a silent auction, networking opportunities, and entertainment provided by Fancy Ray.
- We look forward to offering **Pickleball on Nicollet Mall** every Thursday this summer in addition to hosting a few rooftop events – we hope to see you there!
- Coming up on July 18-21 is a **Movement Tour** event that will feature our amazing Pilates studio as part of Balanced Body's "Pilates on Tour" series that visits different studios across the world.
- Three areas where donations will have the biggest impact this year are **scholarship funding** for community members who rely on financial assistance to access our fitness and wellbeing offerings, the addition of **infrared saunas**, and meeting the demands for **increased hours of operation**.
- Our community acquired the highest number of **new memberships** across all Y branches in February, and we've been consistently increasing our **ForeverWell engagement** numbers month over month. We also continue to be the leading branch in **small group training subscriptions** and maintain strong **staff retention and morale**. I am so proud of these successes and the incredible team I have the honor of leading!



I want to express my 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.

I 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 Dayton Y community!

With gratitude and well wishes for a wonderful summer ahead,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Menk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

Jennifer Menk
Executive Director