

Dear Eagan 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 **YMCA in Eagan**. 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:

- We continue to play a significant role in local child care services, providing the **largest early childhood and after-school programs** in Eagan and the surrounding areas. We serve over 3,700 kids in District 196 and beyond, each year through our School Age Care (SAC) programming, Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC), and summer programs.
- One of our favorite family events, the **Annual Duck Race**, is coming up on July 14th at Cascade Bay Water Park. This is a great opportunity to support our Y and engage with other community members. Stop by the front desk any time to get your raffle tickets and information on reduced-rate Cascade Bay tickets for the event. We hope to see you there!
- This is the first year our **summer youth programming** will include separate sports camps for different age groups and also provide leadership training opportunities for the older participants, which we are very excited about! Additionally, 250 local teens will receive a free summer membership through our Get Summer program.
- We are expanding our focus on wellbeing programming, including a **new intergenerational initiative** to bring together our youth and senior program participants through an onsite gardening project—more to come soon!
- As our **ForeverWell community** also continues to grow, we are excited to be bringing back community outings and other offerings to diversify our options for engagement.



- Ensuring all members in our community have access to our programs and resources remains a high priority, especially as the need for **financial assistance** in our biggest areas—child care and youth programs—continues to rise. We see the wide-ranging impact of these scholarship dollars each day and hope to reach even more families 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 Eagan Y community!**

With gratitude and well wishes for a wonderful summer ahead,



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