

Dear Emma B. Howe 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 **Emma B. Howe 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:

- Open positions across the branch have been filled and what is amazing to witness is that some of these roles are providing valuable **job training opportunities** to several teen interns within different areas. We are so appreciative of our wonderful team that helps make Emma the fun, welcoming place it is!
- To better meet our members' dynamic needs and desires, we continue to **adjust and expand our programming** in meaningful ways. This includes adding more pickleball time to the schedule throughout the week, bringing back our community potluck events, and introducing intergenerational activities that bring together the many different demographics we serve.
- Our **Senior Health and Wellness Event** is coming up on May 29<sup>th</sup>! This event is open to all community members and will give attendees the opportunity to network with others, learn about important well-being topics, and access resources and guidance from different health professionals.
- Our work out in the community via **Neighborhood Centers** remains vitally important in providing essential services to individuals and families, and we look forward to strengthening this partnership in the months ahead to serve even more people outside of our four walls.
- Ensuring our offerings remain affordable and accessible continues to be a high priority, especially as the need for **financial assistance** rises. 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 Emma B. Howe Y community!**

With gratitude and well wishes for a wonderful summer ahead,



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