

Dear Hastings 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 Hastings**. 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.

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

- Melissa's transition into her new role as Associate Executive Director has been widely supported, as she is a longtime friendly, and familiar face who is well respected by staff, branch, and community members alike. We are grateful for the enthusiasm and excited to continue making great things happen as your **leadership team!**
- We recently completed our first **fitness center renovation** in 15 years, which includes new equipment and flooring, as well as a fresh paint job. It is great to see members enjoying this improved and revitalized space!
- Our partnership with the Minnesota Vikings continues to thrive as our **flag football program** engages over 200 youth participants each fall, and we have plans to expand this offering into the summer and fall. We hope to add more field space in the future to accommodate other types of outdoor activities.
- Two of our favorite annual events are coming up! The **Duck Race** on Vermillion River is right around the corner on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> as part of Rivertown Days, and our **Golf Tournament Event** at Hastings Public House will take place in September—more details coming soon. These are both great opportunities to support our Y, engage with other community members, and have fun with the whole family. We hope to see you there!
- As we head into the warmer months, we are excited to see **Day Camp Spring Lake** experiencing continued growth in partnership with the Dakota County parks system. The camp will provide safe and fun age-appropriate outdoor activities for over 2,100 kids this summer, many bussed in from areas outside Hastings (like Eagan, Apple Valley, Inver Grove Heights, and Rosemount) which, in turn, helps us draw in more members from these communities. We also look forward to hosting 50+ kids in grades K-6 each weekday for our **Summer Power** and **Summer Sports** programs. Additionally, up to 250 local teens will receive free memberships through our **Get Summer** program.



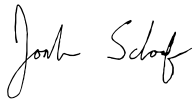
- Ensuring all community members have access to our offerings remains a high priority, especially as the **need for financial assistance** in areas like family memberships and youth programs continues to increase. We see the wide-ranging impact of these scholarship dollars each day and hope to reach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

With gratitude and well wishes for a wonderful summer ahead,



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Executive Director



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