

Dear Hudson 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 Hudson**. 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! 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:

- Since acquiring the **Youth Action Hudson** program at the beginning of the year, it has expanded from 25 youth participants to 120 in just six months. It is amazing to see this initiative continue to grow!
- We are almost at our **pre-pandemic membership numbers**, which is a significant accomplishment. Swim Lessons, personal training, and our sports offerings are in high demand, with most of our parking lots filled once again during peak hours. Our youth, teen, and ForeverWell programs also remain popular and continue to expand to accommodate growing attendance numbers.
- Earlier this month we partnered with neighboring Camp St. Croix on the inaugural **Mess Fest** event, hosted as part of the Y's Adventure Lab program. Great and messy fun was had by all!
- We are excited to welcome hundreds of K-6 kids for our **summer youth programming** which includes Summer Power and Summer Sports. Additionally, 250 local teens will receive free memberships through our grant-funded Get Summer program.
- Our Y continues to be a beacon of support and opportunity in Hudson as our **community partnerships** grow and strengthen, including with the local food bank, churches, the Golden Rule Project, and many more. This community work is an energizing opportunity for us to work outside our four walls and serve even more people!
- 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 swimming lessons continues to rise. 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 Hudson Y community!

With gratitude and well wishes for a wonderful summer ahead,



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