

Dear Ridgedale 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 **Ridgedale 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:

- We've had an impactful first quarter serving many **ForeverWell** members through fitness classes, bingo, a festive St. Patrick's Day get-together, and other social and wellbeing activities. It is awesome to see this community continue to grow and thrive!
- New to our **youth and family programming** is Club Y offerings for 6 to 12-year-olds several nights a week. Family open gym time, Family Night events, and school release day activities continue to be popular and well-attended.
- As our **aquatics program** continues to expand, we have been able to teach even more kids and teens water safety skills through swim lessons for all ages and levels. In a state where these life-saving skills are critical to have, we are excited to be a community leader in this space, passing on a love for all the fun that awaits us in the warm months in pools, lakes, and rivers!
- Here at our Y, we will be welcoming 150 kids each weekday this summer for our full-day **Summer Power** program. And nearby at **Day Camp Christmas Tree**, 300 kids will be engaged in outdoor adventures galore. **Summer Sports** will also be offered in partnership with Wayzata East Middle School. We are thrilled to be able to partner with parents on summer programming for youth of all ages!
- Ensuring all community members have access to our programs and resources 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 Ridgedale Y community!

With gratitude and well wishes for a wonderful summer ahead,



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