

Dear Woodbury 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 **Woodbury**. 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:

- Our **ForeverWell community** continues to grow, with over 100,000 visits logged by these members in the past year. There are a variety of engagement opportunities that we provide to meet the different needs and interests of this group. One of our recent favorites was a fun holiday luncheon hosted in December. To have more and more seniors coming to our Y to socialize, try new things, and develop healthy living skills is truly inspiring!
- Our **youth sports and aquatics programs** are also rapidly growing as we are seeing higher registration and participation numbers than ever before.
- We are excited to welcome hundreds of youth for our **summer programming** which includes Summer Power (toddler/preschool + grades K-5) and Nature Power (grades K-5) in partnership with Lake Elmo Park Reserve. We will also continue to be a bus stop for DayCroix, one of the Y's day camps located in Hudson, WI. Additionally, 250 local teens will receive a free membership through our grant-funded Get Summer program. Please join us in welcoming and embracing all the energy and excitement that these younger generations bring to our Y!
- Like many others in the Woodbury community, we are excited about the **Central Park renovations** and want members to know that we will remain open during this time.
- 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 rise.
 We see the wide-ranging impact of these scholarship dollars each day and hope to reach even more
 individuals and families in need of support 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 Woodbury Y community!

With gratitude and well wishes for a wonderful summer ahead,

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