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Dear Friends,

**This has been a year of uncertainty and change. With hope and resilience, we responded!**

Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic, our Y has stood strong for our community. We immediately pivoted to focus on helping those in need. We continue to work side by side with our neighbors facing challenges to ensure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background has the opportunity to connect, grow and thrive.

**We invite you to be a part of the future.**

Every day our community faces new challenges that create a greater demand for the work we do. We need your help to do it. Your gift can help strengthen our community by connecting all people to their potential, purpose and each other.

Working locally, we focus on outreach initiatives that help and support the most vulnerable members of our community by improving health, providing quality care and inspiring action in our neighborhoods.



We will:

- Continue to work with our community to ensure that families can rely on our flexible child care as they return to the work place.
- Encourage and protect the development of our youth. We shoulder social responsibility by offering a summer camp program at three locations. Kids need this adventure more than ever!
- Support to families and individuals with financial assistance with our Open Doors Program. We provide an essential service by connecting families with activities to stay healthy and resilient.

**Are you ready to make a difference by giving?**

At the Waynesboro Area YMCA, your prayerful donation to our annual campaign helps build this culture. We need you to lead the way in generating much-needed donations during this time to facilitate our mission. **You have the power to help us bring meaningful, lasting change to our communities. We can't do it without you.**

Thank you for your generosity and support,

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## THE NEED:

## OUR RESPONSE:

## YOUR IMPACT:

### LEARNING AND GROWING.....

Families lack safe and engaging ways for children to connect, play, learn and grow. Parents juggle work and virtual learning with limited tools and resources.

Full time, year-round  
**CHILDCARE** in our licensed  
**GENESIS PROGRAM** and  
**SUMMER DAY CAMP:**  
 2 Waynesboro Locations  
 New Greencastle Location

"First year that my daughter ever went to camp and she had a blast! Thanks for making her first camp experience so memorable!"  
 -Y Parent

### CONNECTING AND SUPPORTING.....

Many families found themselves in crisis for the first time as a result of COVID closures and job losses. They needed food and connection to resources.

The Y believes all people should have access to food. We partnering with local community members to help reduce food insecurity, delivered meals to shut-ins and made phone calls to the elderly.

"I'm just so elated and happy to be part of something that's bigger than myself."  
 -YMCA Volunteer

### ACTIVE AND HEALTHY.....

Stress, weight change and lack of exercise have created or exacerbated chronic health conditions.

Our group exercises classes are free with all memberships! Participation with SilverSneakers, Silver & Fit, Renew Active gives FREE memberships to seniors.

"The Y is a place where you can come and make connections and become stronger and realize who you are".  
 -Y Program Participant

### SAFE AND SECURE.....

Water Safety: Drowning is the second-leading cause of accidental death for children.

Year-round  
**WATER SAFETY &  
 SWIMMING LESSONS**

"It's something that's just so important as a parent. You just never know when they're going to be around some body of water."  
 -Y Parent

### MENTAL WELLBEING.....

Now more than ever, everyone needs access to the Y in order to stay healthy in spirit, mind and body.

**MEMERSHIP FOR ALL!**  
 Through our Open Doors scholarship program, we ensure that families from all income levels had access

"The Y just opens doors of opportunities for so many people."  
 -Y Open Doors Participant

