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IMPACT UPDATE

B.R. RYALL YMCA of Northwestern DuPage County | July 2023

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Each day, I see firsthand how the Y impacts our community. From children in our early learning child care to seniors in our chronic disease and healthy living programs, the Y changes lives. We have expanded partnerships to address critical community issues, welcomed members to our facilities, and increased youth development programs—including our new teen mental health initiative. There has never been a better time to be a part of such an amazing organization!

This month's newsletter highlights the exciting things happening here at our Y, which most importantly is our extensive \$12 million renovation project! This project will transform our existing Y into a vibrant facility with flexible program spaces to address changing community needs—enabling the Y to expand its impact now and in the future.

Together, we are creating healthier families and stronger communities.



Rob Wilkinson
Chief Executive Officer

SAVE THE DATE

24th Annual Golf Classic
Monday, September 11
Prairie Landing Golf Club

Presented by:



FACILITY RENOVATION PROJECT

Have you heard about our exciting news? The Y is going to undergo an extensive renovation that will repurpose 10,000 square feet of underutilized space to create more adaptable program areas, increase ADA accessibility, upgrade mechanical and HVAC system efficiency, and put the Y in a position of success for the next 20+ years. By repurposing spaces within the existing building, the Y will create a state-of-the-art facility at one-third the cost of a newly constructed facility.

The project includes:

- Three new Wellness Studios
- Two levels of expanded Wellness Center space
- New center for teens, which will include 2 multipurpose program rooms and a kitchen
- New and enlarged Kids Campus area
- Intergenerational room/lounge for teens and seniors
- New dividable multipurpose room for meetings and programs
- Several gathering areas/lounges for socialization
- Bathrooms in the rear of the facility
- Pool viewing lounge
- Widened main hallway with sightlines into program areas
- Updated locker rooms, all on the lower level, offering improved ADA accessibility, private changing areas and shower stalls, and the addition of a new steam room and sauna for women
- Secured access to the preschool wing
- Addition of flexible Wellness space at 26 Newton

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FACILITY RENOVATION PROJECT CONTINUED...

The Y has taken necessary steps to ensure a successful capital campaign by already securing \$10 million of the \$12 million needed for the project, including a \$2 million grant thanks to Congressman Sean Casten and an anonymous \$5 million donation. If you are interested in learning more about this project or our capital campaign, please contact CEO Rob Wilkinson at 630.547.2004 or rwilkinson@ryallymca.org.

As renovation plans are finalized, we will provide project updates on our website at www.brryallymca.org/facility-renovation-project/.



Main staircase & gathering space Front entrance/Welcome Desk



Kitchen for our new teen center

NEW Y BUILDING

In preparation for the renovation, the Y purchased the building next door at 26 Newton as a temporary program space. Following completion of the renovation, the space will be used for wellness and youth sports performance programming.



SUMMER CAMP

In planning for our renovation project, we moved our summer camp program to two off-site locations this year. Thank you to Glen Ellyn District 41's Abraham Lincoln Elementary School and Village Green Baptist Church for partnering with us for our camp sites. With two new camp locations, we were able to expand our enrollment capacity to serve an additional 100 families—for a total of approximately 300 campers registered between the two sites.

MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

The B.R. Ryall YMCA, in partnership with Glen Ellyn District 41 and Community Consolidated School District 89 schools, was awarded \$41,000 by the Milton Township 708 Board for the hiring of a shared Licensed Social Worker to provide counseling services and support for families that the Y serves in our before- and after-school programs in both districts. We are excited to share that we have hired a social worker who will begin work on August 1.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD HOSTS SUCCESSFUL FIRST EVENT

Our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) hosted their first successful funnel event, a Neon Night in June, which 90 middle school students attended and enjoyed glow-in-the-dark dodgeball, t-shirt design, a dance party and photo booth fun. Support provided by DuPage Foundation.

