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Warmest greetings, Friend and Partner of the Hudson Y,

Speaking of warm, it's hard to believe we're quickly approaching the start of summer! Doesn't it feel like just yesterday that we were pulling our heavy coats, mittens, and hats from storage?

Well, just as quickly as the seasons seem to turn here in Wisconsin, our work here at the YMCA in Hudson is also continually evolving to meet the needs of our community. And now that the winter gear is again out of sight and we eagerly greet summer, we are taking time to reflect on the progress we've made so far in 2025 and want to share a bit about what you can look forward to in the second half of the year.

Let's dive into some updates, shall we?

- In the last year, we provided over \$250,000 in **membership and program financial assistance** thanks in large part to our amazing community of donors (like you!).
- **Youth Action Hudson** programming at our Y grew from 25 to 120 youth who collectively completed 2,000+ hours of volunteer service in the St. Croix Valley area. Our other **youth and teen programs** served more than 6,500 young people, at no charge, with the help of generous donor support.
- Our Y continues to be very **visible within the surrounding community and engaged with multiple organizations** in the St. Croix Valley, including the school districts in Hudson, River Falls and St. Croix Central. We also continue to partner with the City of Hudson, the Hudson Chamber of Commerce, the Hudson Hospital Foundation, the Hudson Rotary and Lions Clubs, and the local Healthier Together coalition on initiatives to build and maintain healthy communities.
- This summer, we are excited to reopen the **skate park**, providing a safe space for local youth to hang out, connect with one another, and stay active. We also look forward to furthering our partnership with **Camp St. Croix**, developing new and improved **sports programs**, and growing other partnerships within the community throughout the summer months.
- Our highly engaged **Community Council** plays an increasingly crucial role in deepening community connections and guiding our mission. Together, we're working on **expanding our reach and impact** across the St. Croix Valley, ensuring more individuals and families benefit from our programs and services.
- We continue to experience **steady growth** across key areas, including youth sports, senior and family engagement, and aquatics—our **swim lesson program** has surpassed participation goals, showing strong community trust in us to teach kids and adults of all ages critical, life-saving water safety skills. **Personal training** also continues to thrive, helping members stay on track with their fitness goals.

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Ongoing support from partners like you is the driving force behind these achievements, our plans for the future, and so much more. Your inspiring commitment helps us grow and adapt our programs so that no community member has to question whether the Hudson Y is a place for them.

We are beyond grateful to have you by our side in this important work, positively impacting many lives in many ways.

As we plan for the future, we're excited to keep you updated on our journey as we create new ways to foster wellbeing and strengthen our community.

Once again, thank you for being a vital part of why and how we carry out our mission each day. We wish you a fantastic summer ahead and can't wait to see all the good we'll accomplish together in the months and years to come!

With deep gratitude,



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