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Warmest greetings, Friend and Partner of the Shoreview 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 Minnesota, our work here at the Shoreview YMCA 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?

- Our **Shoreview Marlins Swim Team** had over **50** swimmers qualify for the state championships this year, with the team coming in 3rd place overall – we are so proud of these hard-working athletes!
- During this past holiday season, more than **50 presents** were purchased, wrapped, and gifted to children at our Montreal Courts apartment program by our generous members. Additionally, **7,000 free meals** were distributed in our lobby to local community members throughout the year.
- We will be providing around **300** local teens with a free membership through our **Get Summer program** so they have a place to stay active and connected with peers while school is out.
- New this year is "**SaturYAY's**," a program happening every Saturday from 9am-1pm where we offer a range of family-friendly fun, including a bounce house, arts and crafts, pool activities, story time, games, and contests for prizes. Our team works hard to plan engaging activities for all ages each week – so far, it's been a hit!
- We continue to grow our impact with our **ForeverWell community** and evolve senior-focused programming to meet these members' needs and interests. For example:
 - We've partnered with a **local nursing home** (Cardigan Ridge) to offer classes there two times a week.
 - Our **cribbage, Mahjong, and bingo clubs** have begun and serve as great ways to engage socially.
 - Our popular ForeverWell **wellness workshops** focused on balance, bone health, and memory have been huge successes, in addition to the **group exercise classes** which have been busting at the seams!
- Due in large part to ongoing support from our generous community of donors (like you!), we continue to provide families and individuals facing financial hardship with scholarship assistance so that **cost is never a barrier** to accessing our services, programs, and resources.

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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 Shoreview 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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