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Warmest greetings, Friend and Partner of the Midway 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 St. Paul Midway 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?

- In the last year, over **16,000** seniors have engaged in our programs and classes, and our aquatics classes have taught **1,330+** kids and adults of all ages (infants to seniors) critical life-saving water safety skills. Additionally, our youth programming has provided safe, inclusive, fun, and educational spaces and activities for more than **2,640** young people. Wow!
- Our team is gearing up to serve over 250 local high school teens through our **Get Summer** program, providing them with a free membership so they can stay active and connect with peers while school is out. Our **Summer Power** and **School Age Care** programs will also be in session soon, serving over 50 K-5 kids during the summer months inside our main facility.
- We look forward to partnering with Ramsey County to offer **nutrition resources and workshops** for 200+ youth in our community, helping them improve confidence and knowledge with meal preparation.
- Growth continues in many areas of our Y, as we are currently serving more **senior members** than ever before through our ForeverWell programming, as well as connecting more **underserved youth** in the community with water safety classes.
- Many of our program participants and members continue to rely on **financial scholarships**. Last year, our branch raised the most money ever to help meet this critical need, in addition to serving the most youth in the St. Paul community since our new facility opened in 2016!
- Building **partnerships centered around group memberships** remains a key priority. Many of these group memberships help low-income adults who need a place where they feel welcome and can stay active as they learn skills outside of the Y to join the workforce or continue working on their education.
- In the next few months, we're excited to break ground on the construction of the **Peter J. King Family Foundation Center for Child and Family Wellbeing**, just across the street from our parking lot (where our current Youth Program Center is located). This new center will feature a creative blend of programs, serving to alleviate a profound child care desert in our community, build a pipeline of new child care professionals, support parenting adults, and promote family wellbeing and economic prosperity for all we serve.

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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 Midway 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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