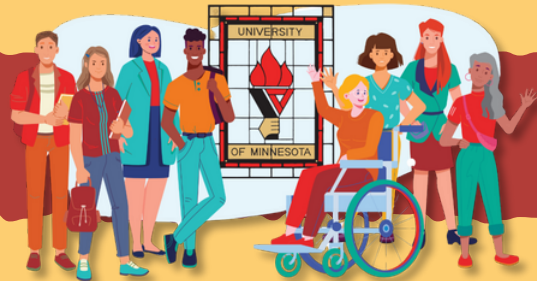




# University YMCA Annual Leadership Update



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Dear friend of the University YMCA,

Building bridges is what we do, simply put.

Every day at the University Y, our students are building bridges to create community. The UY and its programs serve as a bridge to hope and impact for people on and off campus each day.

We build bridges through creating a center of belonging across different majors and life experiences.

We build bridges by connecting youth in schools around campus to mentors who open their minds to new possibilities.

We build bridges by hosting community conversations, mobilizing partners to make our communities healthy, and connecting students to professionals in the workforce.

**This bridge-building is needed now more than ever, and we wouldn't be able to do any of it without the ongoing support from our amazing community of donors (like you!).**

A big update I want to share with you is that this year, our UY is part of a Y USA Team Up partnership with hundreds of other organizations seeking to close gaps in connection across our country. We are proud to have been selected, along with just one other campus UY in the country, to be part of this initiative due to our continued focus on elevating young leaders and partners we collaborate with to make a difference.

Additionally, we are excited that our reach is extending even further, as we work on building bridges internationally. Our student leaders have been connecting with their counterparts from University Y's in South Korea and other countries, sharing their hopes for the future and rolling up their sleeves together to make that future a reality.

Our work with youth also continues through our Cards4Kids Pen Pal program connecting 50 UY mentors with 50 kids in Hawaii, as well as our local mentorship programs serving 1,100+ students in the MPS and SPPS districts annually.



Thanks in large part to your generosity, our students are practicing critical thinking skills, learning across communities and cultures, and creating solutions to make the world a better place for all.

**Let's keep building bridges together!**

In partnership,

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