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Dear Andover Y Community Members,

As we wrap up the first half of the year and prepare for summer, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support of the Andover YMCA. Because of your generosity, we are able to serve as a vital hub for connection, wellness, and opportunity in one of the fastest-growing communities in our region.

The YMCA has always been more than a place; it is a community anchor. Here at the Andover Y, that role continues to grow as more families, youth, and seniors turn to us for support, connection, and access to essential programs.

In the last year, your support has helped us make a meaningful impact:

- **12.5%** of members have accessed our programs, resources, and wellbeing opportunities through **financial assistance**.
- **Over \$200,000+** has been contributed to **strengthen and sustain our work** serving families and individuals of all ages and backgrounds each day.
- **Dozens of seniors** navigating insurance changes have been able to stay active and engaged in our **ForeverWell community** with newly created low-cost membership options.

These numbers represent real people — families finding stability, children building confidence, and older adults maintaining health and independence.

As we move into the second half of 2026, our efforts are centered on expanding impact, deepening relationships, and ensuring long-term sustainability.

We are intentionally deepening relationships with key local partners to broaden our reach in the local community, focusing on our collaborations with organizations such as Crosstown Landing, the Cities of Ramsey and Andover, Ramsey Lions, Andover Booster Clubs & Andover Lions Club. Through these partnerships, we aim to increase program access, strengthen community engagement, and create new pathways for support.

Additionally, we are excited to build momentum in our fundraising efforts through two key annual campaigns:

- **Y Day of Giving (April 9):** Hosting fun community engagement events, increasing participation from our Board members, and strengthening leadership team support helped us raise over \$1,200 (with gifts still trickling in)!
- **Fall Campaign (October 20–22):** We look forward to growing this initiative by expanding digital giving opportunities and involving partnerships with local organizations and businesses, with an overall goal to surpass last year's success.

As our Andover Y continues to grow, so does the need for accessible, inclusive offerings. It is our top priority to ensure that no one is turned away due to financial barriers, and this promise is made possible because of generous donors like you.

Your ongoing support fuels:

- **Youth development** through safe, welcoming, and enriching programs that spark joy through learning and foster both confidence and friendship
- **Healthy living** for all ages and abilities through a wide variety of wellness opportunities and prevention initiatives
- **Social responsibility** through community building and a focus on meeting every family and individual where they are in their wellbeing journey

Our greatest need in the months ahead is to continue expanding accessibility through affordable membership options — ensuring every child, family, or adult who walks through our doors can find belonging here, regardless of their ability to pay.

With your continued partnership, we are confident in our ability to meet this moment and build a stronger, healthier, more connected community.

Thank you for believing in the mission of the Andover YMCA and for investing in the people we serve. We are deeply grateful to have you as a valued member, donor, and friend!

Wishing you a bright and memorable summer,



Craig Grimes  
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