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Dear Maplewood Y Community Members,

Have you ever stopped to think about the role you play in someone else's story?

It's not always something we see in big or obvious ways. More often, it shows up in small, everyday moments — the ones that matter more than we realize.

We see these moments brought to life every day here at the Maplewood YMCA Community Center: A child building confidence in the pool. A family receiving support when they need it most. A teen trying something new and discovering what they're capable of. A senior reaching a fitness goal surrounded by people who've become dear friends.

These moments may seem simple, but together, they tell a much bigger story about what it means to belong and be part of a community. And they don't happen without supporters like you.

Because of your generosity, people walk through our doors and feel welcomed, inspired, encouraged, and cared for — sometimes at exactly the moment they need it most.

Reflecting on the first part of the year, I'm excited to share a few highlights and updates made possible through your ongoing partnership:



- Over the past year, more than **\$208,000 in donor-supported scholarships** helped reduce barriers to membership and programs, ensuring individuals and families across our community have access to the Y regardless of financial circumstances.
- Our community continues to grow, with **1,035 new members** joining the Maplewood Y — expanding a vibrant, supportive network of youth, families, older adults, and individuals seeking connection and wellbeing.

- **350+ youth** participated in programs designed to provide safe, inclusive spaces to learn, play, and grow, while **209 wellness packages and training subscriptions** supported members in setting goals and building long-term health.
- A standout moment this year was our **Inclusive Sports and Game Day**, where more than **350 community members** came together to celebrate individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in a welcoming, accessible, and joy-filled environment.



- **Demand for support** continues to rise, particularly among youth and families seeking accessible spaces for wellness opportunities and seniors navigating changes to Medicare benefits. Ongoing financial assistance ensures our Y remains a place for all.

- Looking ahead, we're excited to welcome K–5 youth for **Summer Power**, expand **free group fitness offerings**, and work toward bringing back **swim lessons**, while continuing to partner with the City of Maplewood on a shared vision to enhance and reimagine the future of our community center.

Behind each of these bullet points are real people and real stories, and your support as a donor plays a role in every single one. That's the kind of impact that doesn't always make headlines, but it's felt every day in the lives of those we serve.

And now, as we head into summer, my team and I are excited to keep building on this momentum — creating more opportunities, deepening connections, and continuing to show up for our Maplewood Y community in the ways that matter most.

Thank you for being an important part of our story. We're so grateful to have you alongside us through every chapter, and we can't wait to see what we'll make possible together in the months and years ahead!

Wishing you a bright and memorable summer,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Klingaman'.

Ryan Klingaman, Associate Executive Director, Maplewood YMCA Community Center