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Dear New Hope 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 New Hope YMCA: 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, we have brought the community together through a variety of fun events for all ages. Our **Splash into Summer event** welcomed over **400 YMCA members and community participants**, in partnership with the New Hope Police and Fire Departments, while our first annual **Fall Festival** engaged more than **200 families** with a Zumba dance party, costume contest, plenty of treats, and hands-on experiences with Snake Discovery.



- Seasonal celebrations have continued to create meaningful connections for families, including our **Cookies with Santa event**, where nearly **100 children** decorated cookies and met Santa and Mrs. Claus as they visited members throughout the building. In partnership with **You Matter Minnesota**, we also helped provide **Christmas gifts for over 1,000 families**, extending care and support across the community.



- Our members are also giving back in powerful ways — our dedicated **Knitting Group raised nearly \$3,000** over the past year to support kids, families, and seniors in our community through scholarships.





- This summer, we're excited to continue building community through our annual **Splash into Summer event**, along with new offerings like **2-hour drop-off opportunities at the Splash Deck** when Kids Stuff is closed. We will also continue to offer **Youth Sports, Summer Power, and Summer Camps** for children ages 4 through middle school.

- Programmatic growth is focused on strengthening our role as a **hub for families**, including the development of a **Family Calendar** featuring game days, splash deck events, and other opportunities to connect. We are also expanding our **ForeverWell offerings** to better serve older adults and ensure there are engaging, accessible opportunities for all.

- Donor support continues to make a critical impact across our Y, helping provide **water safety and swim lessons to over 1,000 children and adults**, as well as **scholarship assistance** that ensures families facing financial challenges can access memberships and year-round child care options.
- Our amazing team members continue to proudly show up for our community every day, from **supporting ForeverWell members** navigating changes in health insurance to **caring for children** in our ECLC and Kids Stuff programs. As one community member recently shared, the Y is a place where **families can be together** — where kids are safe and engaged while parents prioritize their health, and even at age 101, one inspiring member continues to swim three times a week, embodying the **lifelong impact** the Y can have.



Behind each of these bullet points are real people and real stories, and your generosity 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 New Hope 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 that reads "Nina Wolf".

Nina Wolf, Executive Director, New Hope YMCA