Dear YMCA Friends,

Here are a few highlights of what’s happening through your YMCA:

**Youth Development** Y-Achievers Teen Summit is an educational enrichment and leadership development opportunity targeted toward teens in 9th - 12th grade from economically challenged communities. The November 3rd Summit was geared toward college readiness where teens were guided by career and college professionals on making choices for their future after high school, the basics of college life, and how to afford college. Workshops were also available to parents on how to send your child to college at little or no cost, how to let go and how to support their teen's choices. AT&T is a significant sponsor of the Achievers program and had several team members at the Summit leading workshops and interacting with next generation leaders.

**Healthy Living** Thanksgiving marked the 51st annual Dallas YMCA Turkey Trot. Over 23,000 runners, 900 dogs, 1,000 volunteers and runners from 47 states and 11 countries started the holiday by running or walking with their friends and neighbors. The weather was terrific, and everyone seemed to have a great day. One of my favorite parts is hearing the stories of how many Trots runners have taken part in. One story was from 90 year-old Dr. Frank Bradley. Frank estimates he has participated in 45 Trots. He wasn’t able to participate this year, but he was recognized as one of the newest members of the Turkey Trot Hall of Fame. Mark your calendars to join us next year for the 52nd Turkey Trot.
Social Responsibility  We believe that everyone in our community should have the opportunity to benefit from YMCA programs and services. We are a community-based nonprofit with the mission to “to put Christian values into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all”. When someone loses a job, when medical bills become overwhelming, or when other challenging situations occur, people need the support of the Y. In 2019, we expect to provide financial assistance to over 59,000 individuals enabling them to participate in Y programs. The assistance will be made possible by the generosity of thousands of donors who will make a gift to the Annual Campaign. I encourage you to join me in making a commitment when one of our terrific volunteers contacts you. For additional information, visit ymcdallas.org/donate.

Have you considered including the Y in your will? The Heritage Club is a great way to ensure the Y remains successful for many years to come. For more information, contact Charlie Myer at 469 276 8456 or cmyer@ymcdallas.org

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and your family. Thank you for your continued support. In spirit, mind, and body.

Sincerely,

Curt Hazelbaker
President and Chief Executive Officer