Dear YMCA Friends,

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

**Youth Development** 2019 marked the second year of our Summer Learning Academies (SLAs). SLAs are designed to give students the opportunity to stay on grade level and prevent summer learning loss. SLAs help students build confidence and positive relationships helping minimize summer learning loss which can negatively impact students and cause them to struggle when they return to school in the Fall. We operated two this year and the results were impressive.

• 79.01% of students increased or maintained their scores in both math and reading
• 90.12% of students increased their math scores by an average of 6.54%
• 81.48% of students increased their scores in reading by an average of 4.03%
• 75% of students were performing below grade level in EITHER math or reading at the beginning of the program and 56% at the end of the program.

We’ll continue to expand the number of sites every year because of the growing need.

**Healthy Living** The Dallas YMCA is in the process of approving a new strategic plan. “Building Stronger Communities for All” will go to the Board of Directors for approval on September 18th. Mental Health, Belonging and Well-Being has emerged as a key focus area for the Y going forward. Volunteers and Staff heard from many different audiences during the plan development how anxiety, bullying and social media are impacting youth today. Staff will spend the next few months developing plans to address this important topic and looking for partners to help us in this work. Much more to come.
Social Responsibility  The YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas Foundation supports the mission, programs and facilities of the Dallas Y. Operating as a separate entity with an independent Board of Directors, the Foundation provides over one million dollars annually to support the important work taking place through our branches and program sites. Foundation resources come from generous individuals and families that have designated a portion of their estates to the YMCA. The Y has played an important role in their life for many years and the Foundation gives them the opportunity to continue that impact for years to come. If you are interested in learning more about the Foundation and how you could include the Y in your estate planning, contact Charlie Myer at (469) 276-8456 or cmyer@ymcadallas.org

Thank you for your continued support.

In spirit, mind, and body.

Sincerely,

Curt Hazelbaker
President and Chief Executive Officer