Dear YMCA Friends,

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

**Youth Development** Registration is now open for YMCA Camp Grady Spruce and Collin County Adventure Camp. Overnight Camps offer a wide variety of outdoor adventures led by trained and experienced leaders who guide children and teenagers in having an unforgettable experience embracing new and exciting adventures. A week at Camp can be truly life changing. Recently I received a message from a former camper talking about the impact Camp made on her over many years. In it, she says, "I transformed from the shy girl in the corner to the vibrant, fun girl in the center of the room. I found joy in helping others, whether it be feeding the homeless, providing school supplies or simply face painting kids at Camp.” To learn more, visit [www.ymcadallas.org/overnightcamps](http://www.ymcadallas.org/overnightcamps)

**Healthy Living** On Thanksgiving Day, the weather could not have cooperated any better for the 52nd Annual Dallas YMCA Turkey Trot. While the early morning hours began with rain, the clouds parted, and we enjoyed cool running weather and no rain for the race. The weather didn’t dampen the day or the spirits of the 19,500 friends and family who came to run, starting their Thanksgiving Day in a healthy way. The Trot supports vital YMCA Programs for the children and families in the greater Dallas area and we want to thank our top sponsors: Purepoint Financial, Luke’s Locker, and TruMoo for supporting the Y and our communities.
Social Responsibility Early stages of the 2020 YMCA Annual Campaign, Empowering Communities is underway with over 1,000 volunteers being recruited to support the work of the Y. The goal next year is $4.5M to provide scholarships to those in our community that need the Y but can’t pay the full cost to participate. Nearly 60,000 individuals will receive assistance for programs such as Safety Around Water, Youth & Government, Diabetes Prevention and youth sports to name a few. I encourage you to be receptive when one of these terrific volunteers’ calls asking you for your support.

Thank you for your continued support. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and your family.

In spirit, mind, and body.
Sincerely,

Curt Hazelbaker
President and Chief Executive Officer