

# PARK SOUTH YMCA

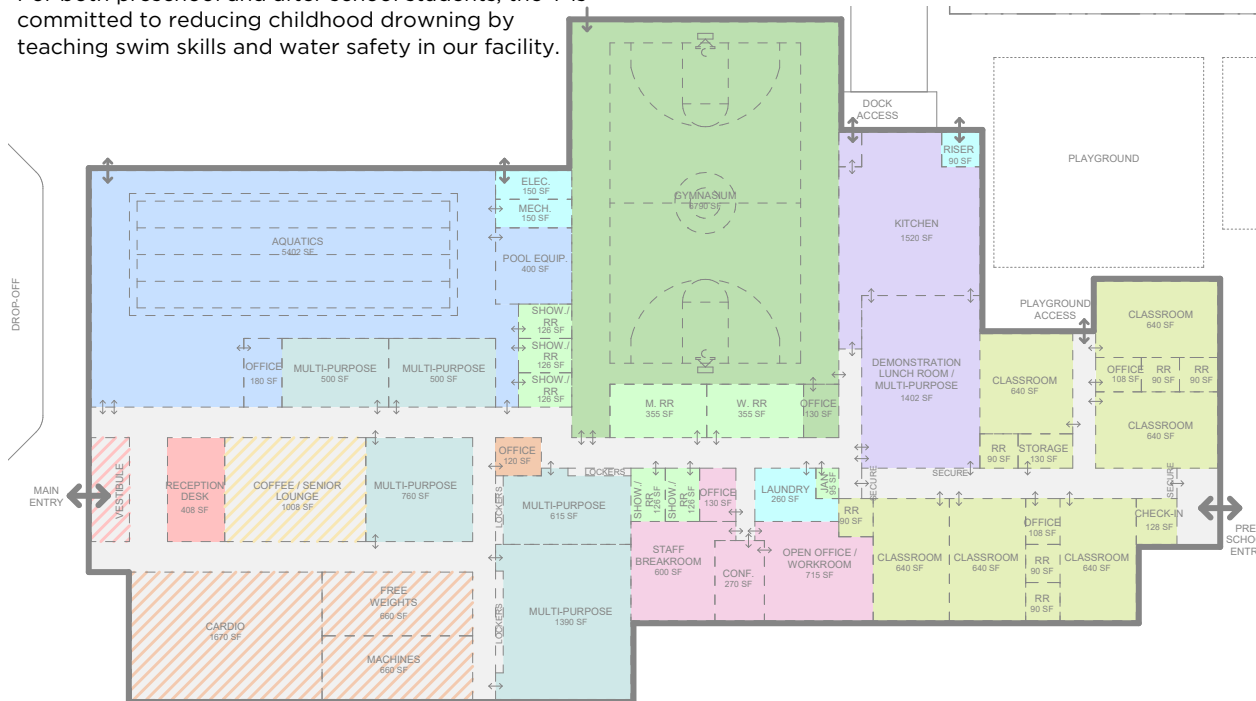
DALLAS, TX

The Park South Family YMCA in South Dallas provides direct services to clients who reside in zip codes with the highest level of need according to the Socio-Needs Index (Healthy North Texas & Parkland Community Needs).

While these communities have rich cultures and enormous potential, they face severe poverty, pockets of economic instability, high crime rates, and lack of resources resulting in severe gaps in education, and significant health disparities, including low life expectancy and high mortality rates for heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. The devastation of COVID-19 disproportionately affected many in these communities in Southern Dallas, exacerbating the already dismal health outcomes and limiting educational progress.

Providing a new building will allow us to increase total services to the youth by 35%. This project will increase preschool classrooms and add needed features to our afterschool, summer day camp, teen, and aquatics programs.

The Park South Preschool increases kindergarten readiness levels by partnering with DISD to provide a standardized academic curriculum. This allows our students to meet and exceed benchmarks for kindergarten readiness. The Y also ensures children are provided two nutritious meals and additional snacks throughout the day. Additionally, the Park South branch provides after school care for both current students and students from area schools until 6:30pm. For both preschool and after school students, the Y is committed to reducing childhood drowning by teaching swim skills and water safety in our facility.



## Proud History

The Park South Family YMCA has been a beacon of the community for the last 50 years. In 1968, then Mayor J. Eric Johnson and his wife proposed a million-dollar challenge gift to the businesses and citizens of South Dallas to build a Y. Annually, the Park South Y serves more than 3,000 residents who reside in one of the five zip codes: 75215, 75217, 75227, 75216, and 75210.

## Equitable Redevelopment

The current Park South Y is in dire need of a complete revitalization to optimally address the community's widening gaps among health and wellness, education, economic opportunity, safety, and quality of life in Southern Dallas. To improve the equity of services and facilities in Southern Dallas County and ensure equitable access to the essentials needed to become thriving members of the community, it is critical to build a new Park South Family YMCA facility.

## Strategic Vision

The Y's strategic plan for its Southern Dallas facilities, including Park South, is projected to increase the community served by 35% and strengthen the Y's community impact by focusing resources and measuring outcomes in four key areas:

- Providing equitable programs and employment to all
- Helping kids succeed in schools
- Improving people's health and well-being
- Serving as a community hub

## KEY FACTS

Census Tract | 48113003700  
 Poverty 31.3% (Distressed)  
 MFI 49.8% (Distressed)  
 U/E Rate 16.4% (Distressed)  
 Metro Tract

## Project Components |

Community Facility  
 Pre-K Childcare  
 Healthy Eating  
 Senior Programming  
 Youth and Teen Development  
 Drowning Prevention

## PROJECT COST

\$16,050,000

## CURRENT FUNDS

\$10,618,434

as of March 10, 2023.

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