

130 YEARS OF GOOD **AND STILL SERVING**

As I reflect on what has happened over this past year, I have a sense of sadness for what we have endured, and yet I feel grateful for what we still have. Mostly, I am proud of the actions our local YMCA has taken to adapt to serve our community and ensure the survival of our organization.

When schools closed on March 17th last year, all our school-age after school programs shut down. A week later, all three YMCA facilities closed, except for our two early learning centers. Unfortunately, these changes meant the Y had to significantly reduce the number of valued staff—this was not easy but necessary so we could continue to meet our community's pressing needs.

Due to the pandemic, more people are struggling to put food on the table. To alleviate this, the YMCA partnered with local agencies to assist in the delivery of thousands of boxes of food to those with transportation barriers, making it difficult to get to a food bank. Other partnerships allowed the Y to use our vans and staff to deliver over a half a million masks in Skaqit and Whatcom counties. We have logged over 15,000 senior visits in our Active Older Adults classes, seminars and gatherings, helping to reduce pandemic-related isolation and depression. And 779 youth participated in our outdoors programs, helping to decrease screen time and offer safe opportunities for socialization and fitness.

I am truly grateful for the generosity and outpouring of support from our personal donors and local foundations who have thrown us a lifeline to continue our important work. Though we still have a tough road ahead, I have no doubt the Whatcom Family YMCA will stay true to our mission to strengthen and serve, and we will come back stronger.

Bill Ziels, CEO, Whatcom Family YMCA



The YMCA delivered

4,984

boxes of food throughout **Whatcom County to** those in need.



"The YMCA vehicles really make sure there is food access all over the county for us. It's HUGE!"

> Summer Starr Volunteer Coordinator Opportunity Council



With safety measures in place,

779 Kids

continued to explore the outdoors, get exercise and have fun in Girls on the Run. **Trail Blazers and Trail Snails** Hiking Club.



"Trail Blazers has been a healthy outlet to challenge my daughter physically, get her outside and away from the screen, and bring some joy and community during this very difficult time."

Trail Blazers Parent



operations were suspended. We began food delivery program with the Food Security Task Force, set up child care for families of emergency and essential workers, and redesigned our programs so people could remain healthy and connected to their community, even at home.

The Whatcom Family YMCA is always here for the good of our community. We live our mission every day in the healthy living, youth development, and socially responsible programs we offer. We will continue to assist people recovering from the devastating health and economic effects of the pandemic. Community support allowed us to provide financial assistance and scholarships to anyone who asked for help. Investment in the future of the Whatcom Family YMCA is an investment in the education, health, and wellness of our entire community.

When the world was in crisis, the

YMCA continued to serve 13,945

neighbors in need. Last year, we pivoted

to deliver emergency relief while our normal



We established our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, which seeks ways for us to better serve our

WHOLE COMMUNITY.



"I think race equity is one of the two most important issues (along with climate change) of my lifetime—and maybe in human history."

> Kirsten Barron YMCA Board Member

WE'REHERE TODAY



For an organization like the Y, one whose strength is founded in bringing people together, COVID-19 prompted us to quickly adapt services and programs to continue serving the community during this health and economic crisis.



"This has been one hard year. The fact that the YMCA has been able to create a program for kids during this time is nothing short of a miracle. They have led the way to provide for our kids, especially kids of essential, front-line employees who have no choice but to go to work in these scary times."

- School-Age Childcare Parent



"The Y has helped me a lot to manage working and being able to help my son with schooling by stepping in to be that school teacher that kids need, since parents have to work."

School-Age Child Care Parent



The Y provided childcare for

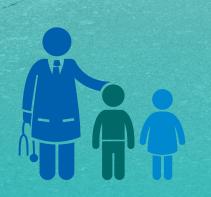
249 families

and assisted with the online learning environment.



"The YMCA allows us as essential workers and infrastructure workers to keep doing our jobs and keep serving our community, and that keeps us all going. Honestly, I couldn't do it without the Y."

Early Learning Parent



feel as though we are almost at the Y."

Our emergency and essential worker childcare helped over

200 families

so they could continue to serve our community.



"We took Y classes for probably nine years. And then COVID hit. Everybody was isolated,

and in March, we started feeling like we were incarcerated. The Zoom classes have been

wonderful, they give us a focal point in the morning. It's like family and friends, and we

"How can I find the right words to express my gratitude for our Y Zoom classes?!? My health is in the high risk category. It's hard to imagine what my body and mind would look and feel like if I didn't have these weekly classes to keep me going."

Senior Fitness Attendee



Frank & Margie

Seniors countywide logged into virtual fitness programs over

15,000 times.

This helped them maintain health and connections with each other safely from home.

OPERATING FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 6,786,746		тот
Other Income	\$	232,287	Depr
U.S. CARES Act Support	\$	1,344,772	Scho
DSHS Childcare Revenue	\$	367,699	Progi
Membership & Programs	\$	3,771,730	Facili
Charitable Revenue	\$	1,070,258	Payro
JZU REVENUE			

2020 EXPENSES

Payroll Expenses	\$ 4,251,416
Facility Expenses	\$ 518,956
Program/Operating	\$ 704,856
Scholarships/Subsidies	\$ 244,528
Depreciation	\$ 341,424

TOTAL EXPENSE \$ 6,061,180 **UNAUDITED**

RECOGNIZING OUR SUPPORTERS

2020 was a difficult year. We are grateful to businesses, organizations, foundations, and individuals that helped the YMCA continue to strengthen our community. We couldn't have done it without their help.

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OUR MISSION

The Whatcom Family YMCA is an association of individuals with shared values which enhance the community with programs for the spirit, mind and body.

OUR CAUSE

At the Y, strengthening community is our cause. Every day, we work side-by-side with our neighbors to make sure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

OUR FOCUS

We believe that to bring about meaningful change in individuals and communities, we must be focused and accountable. We work in three key areas that are fundamental to strengthening community:

Youth Development

Healthy Living

Social Responsibility

A MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS

THANK YOU FOR STAYING WITH US! Throughout 2020, we experienced two shutdowns, and your continued support helped us provide our community with essential services during the pandemic.

We want you to know how much we appreciate all of you and your help with keeping our building open by following all precautions to keep people safe. We are better because of you.



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