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# 2022

## Annual Report

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, I am thinking of the past few years as a period of difficulty as well as recovery; a time of hardship which built strength. As our organization has moved out from under the challenges of the pandemic, we look forward to what is next. We did what the YMCA does best—we rolled up our sleeve and worked to respond to our community's most pressing needs. I am truly thankful for your support which enabled the Y to have a greater impact on our community.

The story of the Y over the past year is a good one. We have responded to the childcare shortage by establishing new relationships and through stewardship of existing partnerships which enabled us to open two new early learning centers. Heart House Early Learning Center was borne out of a partnership with Lydia Place, and a new Barkley Early Learning Center happened through a partnership with Mercy Housing NW. This year, we are on pace to provide over \$380,000 in direct financial assistance so individuals and families can access our life changing programs. In addition, our Y is subsidizing over \$300,000 in programs that will change the trajectory of people's lives—from teens to people afflicted with chronic diseases.

Our mission at the Y is to help improve the world by building a stronger community. We do that by helping children, families, and adults reach their fullest potential. Thank you for being an important part of the Y's impact on our community.

In gratitude,

**Bill Ziels**  
CEO/Executive Director

# For social responsibility.

As a family of five, the YMCA is our gathering place. It is a place where we can all connect and play together or go our separate ways and work on personal goals.

It is a place where we feel at home and welcome and we know our kids are safe and have the opportunity to interact with

YMCA Staff that inspires them to try new things.

The most powerful thing about the YMCA is that the impact does not stop at the 4 walls of the physical space. The community commitment we feel when we are at the Y ripples throughout the larger Bellingham

community. Thank you does not seem adequate for all that we have received through knowing and loving the people and the place that make the YMCA is so special. We hope, over our lifetime, we can give back a fraction of what the YMCA has given to us



Over 10,000 people served through YMCA programs and collaboration

## Empowering young people to reach their full potential.

My child decided he would like to finish out the school year participating in the next four Trail Blazers sessions! This past session he had a bit of a hard time. We had some changes in our family routine with my going back to school, and I think that contributed to it. I know that's a long story, but I share it just to let you know how valuable this program has been to Max and to our family. We couldn't do it without the generous scholarships you graciously give to us each session. This program has offered him more than just physical exercise and fresh air. He has learned to push through hard things, to make a commitment and stick to it, and to embrace something for himself, not just because his friends are doing it. So once again, thank you for all you do to make this program a success and to give our kids a safe and healthy opportunity to grow.

1000+ youth served with Childcare, Youth Sports, Swimming and Running programs

For youth development.

For healthy living.

## Improving individual and community well-being.

Pre-pandemic ACT! was always held off site but our 2023 Winter/Spring ACT! session was held here at the Y and we were happy to see families take advantage of the Y membership that comes with the program. One family often came before class started to play racket sports together and several came on Fridays and Saturdays to use the climbing wall. One parent even made it a habit to come during the day, while his child was at school, to use the healthy living center.

Over \$330,000 in scholarships were awarded



# 2022 OPERATING FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
Charitable Revenue	\$ 2,425,819	Payroll	\$4,454,582,
Membership & Programs	\$ 4,228,935	Facility	\$ 480,755
DSHS Childcare Revenue	\$ 807,182	Program/Operating	\$ 869,785
Employee Retention Tax Credits	\$ 928,279	DSHS Adjustments	\$ 45,447
Other Income	\$ 137,539	Scholarships/Subsidies	\$ 219,442
		Depreciation	\$ 292,179
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$8,527,754</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,362,189</b>

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

### 2022 DONOR RECOGNITION

This past year was a testament to resilience and community growth, all made possible by the generosity of our donors. Together, we have achieved a lasting impact!

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FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## WHO WE ARE

### OUR MISSION

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

### OUR CAUSE

At the Y, strengthening the foundations of 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 & thrive.

### Our Core Values

HONESTY | CARING  
RESPECT | RESPONSIBILITY

### AREAS OF IMPACT

#### Youth Development

We believe that all kids deserve the opportunity to discover who they are & what they can achieve.

#### Healthy Living

We believe we have a responsibility to make a positive & measurable impact on the community's health.

#### Social Responsibility

We believe communities are strongest when all people have the opportunity to participate, connect & thrive.

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