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Dear Friends,

Over the last several years all of our branches have been especially focused on how we can serve and impact teens in more meaningful ways. We know that all young people have different interests so we have been developing new programs that will attract teens. We also know it's critical to hire staff who enjoy working with teens.

This all began several years ago with our new strategic plan and a new initiative called, "Hope for Youth." This was a significant change in the way we serve the community, because although we were always doing good work, we needed to do more. I am happy to report that today, each branch has a program director that is focused on teens with an array of programs that will accommodate individual interests.

We expect our program staff to get to know the kids that participate as well. Today, our kids face many issues and the YMCA impacts young people who are in need of mentors. It is vital that young people have adult mentors in their life to help them navigate the many issues facing kids today. Children at any age thrive when they are surrounded by stable, caring adults and meaningful relationships. Our commitment to young people is positively changing lives.

In order to continue to offer youth programs and do more, the YMCA has established a Youth Development Endowment fund that will help us serve kids for generations to come. We know that if we take a prevention approach to youth development, many children will do better in spirit, mind and body. Our ultimate goal is to make sure every child succeeds in life. If you are interested in learning more about how you can participate please let me know by emailing marty_pastura@fwymca.org or call 918-2140.

The YMCA remains committed to improve the quality of life for our community by doing good work. Thank you for being a part of a great organization.

Sincerely,

Martin L. Pastura
President & CEO





FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR 7TH GRADERS

Every 7th grader residing in Adams Allen, Whitley or Wells County is eligible for a FREE membership at any of the eight YMCA's of Greater Fort Wayne.

As the parent or legal guardian, bring this ticket along with proof of 7th grade status (ie: grade card) to any participating YMCA. It's that simple!



SPLASH AND PLAY!

The Jorgensen Family Y Outdoor Pool, the Parkview Family Y Splash Park and Renaissance Pointe Y Splash Park all opened on Memorial Day and will be open thru Labor Day.

Check your local branch page to find hours of operation or download our app: fwymca.org/app.

HOLIDAY HOURS

YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne branches observe holiday hours on Labor Day (Monday, September 2). The Jorgensen, Parkview and Renaissance Pointe Y's will be open from 8am – 4pm. The Caylor-Nickel, Central Branch, Jackson R. Lehman, Skyline and Whitley County YMCAs will be closed. Facility, pool, childwatch, and kids club schedules can be found on the website at fwymca.org.



FALL I SESSION COMING!

Session Dates:

September 9 - October 27

Member registration begins:

Monday, August 12

Program participant registration begins: **Monday, August 19**

2019 WORKPLACE WELLNESS AWARD NOMINATIONS BEGIN

The YMCA Workplace Wellness Awards honor employers for making strides in providing a healthier workplace! As an integral part of supporting healthy living in our community, the YMCA encourages all employers to create a culture of wellness at their workplace. Employers who participate are recognized for wellness efforts, but also learn ways to incorporate additional wellness initiatives.

Your company does not have to be a wellness expert to take part in the Workplace Wellness Awards! The entire process is an educational experience that will benefit your business regardless of its current stage in corporate wellness development.



To nominate your company:

- Visit www.fwymca.org/nomination and fill out the workplace wellness assessment/nomination form by September 13th.
- Nomination fee is \$50; this fee includes (4) seats to the awards reception.
- All companies nominated will be honored at an awards reception on **Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 4:30-6:30pm at the Parkview Mirro Center.**

Questions? Contact Natalie_Woods@fwymca.org at 260.918.2149.



20TH ANNUAL RAT RACE!

Proceeds benefit the Central Branch YMCA

Thinking about participating in the 2019 River City Rat Race Run/Walk on Sunday, October 20th? If so, join the "Rats in Training" at a free training group at the Central Branch YMCA, Mondays at 6pm beginning on August 26th.

The first night will begin with a 1/2 mile run/walk. Come with your running shoes laced up and join others of all levels and ages as the Rats get ready to run the Fort! Questions? Contact PamRWolfe@aol.com.

Register for the race: runsignup.com/Race/IN/FortWayne/RiverCityRatRace



ANNUAL GOLF OUTING A SUCCESS FOR YMCA CAMP POTAWOTAMI

Over \$34,000 was raised at the 28th Annual YMCA Camp Potawotami Golf Outing on June 17 at Pine Valley Country Club. The event was made possible by premiere sponsors, Source One Solutions, Indiana Signworks, Leading Edge Payments and Lawrence Building Corporation.

provide our campers with the very best activities and facilities," said Katie Taylor, Executive Director of YMCA Camp Potawotami.



"We are so grateful to the individuals and businesses who support this event. It helps YMCA Camp Potawotami continue to grow and

"We extend our sincere appreciation to the event sponsors, players and volunteers who are ensuring that more children have the opportunity to gain confidence, develop leadership skills and learn about community all while having fun at camp," said Taylor.



TICKETS:
\$35/Person



6TH ANNUAL SIP AND SUPPORT:

Thursday, September 26th, 2019 • 5-7pm.

Historic Women's Club at St. Francis University 402 W. Wayne Street

CREATE A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

Since 1992, the YMCA Youth Service Bureau has provided support for troubled youth and their families. While the primary goal is to provide crisis and intervention services, we do so much more. Through advocacy, we give at-risk adolescents the tools, skills and support they need to succeed and grow into thriving adults and community members.

Help create a bright future for area youth by supporting the 6th Annual Sip and Support fundraiser sponsored by Mike's Carwash. Ways to get involved include a sponsorship, donating money or an auction item, or purchasing tickets to the event. For tickets contact the YMCA Youth Service Bureau at 260.449.7511 or purchase online at fwymca.org/sipandsupport.

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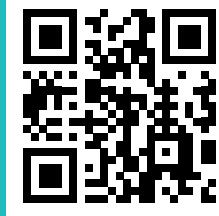
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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOUNDATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:

City of Fort Wayne –

Providing funding for supplies for youth to remove graffiti around the city is the purpose of a \$32,000 grant. Through the Y's Anti-Graffiti Program, youth who are assigned community service help to enhance our city's image.

Helping at-risk teens to prepare for a successful future is the purpose of a \$20,000 Community Development Block Grant for the College and Career Readiness Program at the Renaissance Pointe Y. Y mentors help youth explore college and career choices and guide them in developing skills for the workplace.

United Way of Allen County – Enabling youth to gain essential skills such as time management, communication and teamwork is the purpose of a three-year grant of \$52,500 per year. Funds will be used to support school-age childcare programs, the College and Career Readiness Program at the Renaissance Pointe Y, and the Status Offender Court Alternative Program (SOCAP) at the YMCA Youth Service Bureau.

AWS Foundation – Facilitating three social events for people with disabilities is the purpose of a \$2050 Mighty Money grant. The Diverse Abilities Collaborative of Northeast Indiana (YMCA, Easterseals Arc, Turnstone and Camp Red Cedar) hosts these events, which provide opportunities for teens and adults to meet and participate in activities.

Edward D. and Ione Auer Foundation – Enabling hundreds of local children and youth to engage in a variety of arts and humanities activities is the purpose of a \$25,000 grant for the YMCA Integrative Arts Program.

PNC Charitable Sponsorship, NIPSCO – Delivering financial assistance to children and families in need in the form of reduced membership rates or program fees is the purpose of a \$2,500 PNC Charitable Sponsorship and a \$2,000 grant from NIPSCO for the 2019 Annual Campaign.

MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

YMCA Mission Partners provide financial resources to strengthen our community and move us all forward. The continued support of these companies allows the YMCA to carry out our mission - making a meaningful, enduring impact in our community.



To inquire how your business can become a Mission Partner, contact Nicole Hansen at 260.918.2144 or Nicole_Hansen@fwymca.org.

Our mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.