An update for the supporters of the YMCA of Greater Seattle
A message from Loria Yeadon, President and CEO

When I joined the Y as President and CEO in March, I felt humbled and thankful for the privilege. In my third month in this new role, I’m even more excited to lead an organization committed to serving those who need us most, especially the young.

I am proud to continue our rich legacy of supporting everyone, regardless of their background or social economic status, to reach their fullest potential in spirit, mind, and body.

I am moved and energized by the passion and commitment of our supporters like you. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure propel our work forward. Together we can offer housing to teens and young adults who need it, encourage healthy living, provide affordable child care, and so much more. Your support today strengthens the tomorrows of thousands of people in our region. Together we can address our most pressing needs while building and celebrating the strength and potential of our diverse community.

On behalf of everyone at the Y, I send our deepest appreciation and thanks for all that you do. We could not do it without you.

Thank you is just the beginning

The Y envisions a day when all kids, families, adults, and seniors in our communities have equitable opportunities to improve their health, well-being and reach their full potential. Together, at 13 branches, two overnight camps, and hundreds of program sites across King and South Snohomish Counties, we’re tackling our communities’ most urgent needs—offering all people hope for a better future and the means to achieve it.

This year’s Annual Fund Drive showed us, once again, the incredible generosity and dedication within our community of member donors. In 2019, your gifts raised more than $3.8 million to help those in need. Your gifts mean more kids get a chance to experience the outdoors, young adults find the housing and support they need to succeed, and people at all stages of life can come together to laugh, learn, exercise, and live healthier lives.

Thank you for being our invested partners.

With gratitude,

Vivian
Each summer we invite donors like you to see the community results of your gift up close. Summer Impact Visits help you get to know the programs that are making a big difference in the lives of people in our region.

Every kid deserves to grow up healthy, active, and smart about lifestyle choices. The Y helps families reach those goals through our Actively Changing Together! program, which equips kids and families who struggle with childhood obesity. Y coaches help guide kids and families through nutrition instruction, fun fitness, and positive, sustainable goal setting.

Thanks to our donors, we provide this program at no cost, so that all kids can have access to healthier and happier lives. The Y’s Impact Visits offer our donors, board, and members an experiential, intimate view of how your support is creating stronger communities for everyone.

To attend a Summer Impact Visit, visit Member Services at your Y branch or email events@seattleymca.org.

The Y’s volunteers are critical to the work we do. We could not do it without gifts of time and talent.

As we continue to increase our volunteer force, and opportunities for those who support us to volunteer, we reflect on the incredible, irreplaceable work Y volunteers do in the communities we serve.

From ESL classes to after school programs, we are so grateful for Y volunteers. To all past, present, and future volunteers: thank you. We can’t do it without you.
A LASTING LEGACY

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Thank you for your dedication, Bob.

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$21,000–$50,000

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Wells Fargo Foundation supported both housing solutions and hands-on learning opportunities for young adults, which will be instrumental in helping them to stabilize their lives and develop their fullest potential.

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Biella Foundation made a gift to support YVLifeSet, an evidence-informed case management program designed to assist youth aging out of foster care in their transition into adulthood.

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