



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Why should I give to the Y?**

Your support is integral in helping the YMCA continue our commitment to providing quality programs to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. You benefit from having a strong YMCA in your community. Our programs provide meaningful opportunities for young people to grow into responsible adults, enable families to fight chronic illness and give seniors a sense of belonging. The YMCA makes your community a better place to live and work.

### **The YMCA makes your community a better place to live and work. How is the Y strengthening my community?**

At the Y, we believe that a community focused on healthy living, youth development, and social responsibility is better equipped to exercise its true potential and have a greater, positive impact on society.

### **Doesn't the Y receive funds from United Way?**

Yes, we are grateful to receive funding from United Way each year. However, even the generous gift from United Way help subsidize operating costs of some youth programs. Many families still require financial assistance for their children to participate which is provided by the annual campaign.

### **Why should I give when I already pay monthly membership dues?**

Membership dues and program fees cover the cost of maintaining and operating YMCA facilities and programs for members. Donations to the Annual Campaign support programs for everyone in the community. Contributions also provide financial assistance for individuals and families who cannot afford membership or program fees, but can benefit from our programs.

### **Someone has already contacted me. Why are you calling me again?**

Occasionally this happens if you or a family member participate in activities or know volunteers at more than one YMCA branch. Many people do contribute to multiple branches and this is an option for you, if desired.

### **Is my contribution tax deductible?**

Yes! The YMCA is classified by the Internal Revenue Service as a publicly supported 501(c)(3) non-profit.