

## Dear Y Member / Program Participant,

First and foremost, we hope this letter finds you and your loved ones taking good care during these challenging times. Now more than ever, the Newport County YMCA is committed to the health and safety of our members, program participants, staff, and community. Since re-opening our facility in early June, the Y is striving to create positive impact in your community. Here are just a few examples:

- Each weekday, over 100 children attend our Summer Camps, giving them safe and fun opportunities to stay active, learn, grow, and thrive.
- Our licensed Childcare Center provides a nurturing, secure environment where children ages 2-5 can enjoy being children and busy families can feel reassured of their care.
- As the leader of Healthy Living initiatives in Newport County, the Y has taken the time to responsibly re-open our Wellness Center, Pool, Gymnastics Center, Group Exercise classes, and more.

### **YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS...**

Keeping your membership active allows the NCYMCA to continue its mission of providing these critical services to meet the needs of our community. The main reason we were able to re-open our doors, once the state mandate was lifted, is because of the financial support we received from our loyal members. We are so grateful for your support!

**We humbly ask you to please consider keeping your Y membership active instead of cancelling.** Your Gift of Membership, not only supports the Y's outreach in Newport County, but also helps the Y to be financially solvent during this pandemic.

### **YOUR OPTIONS**

#### **OPTION 1: KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP ACTIVE {Most Helpful}**

Your monthly membership draft directly allows the Newport County YMCA to continue its daily operations. As a charitable non-profit 501(c)3 organization, we need your help supporting the positive impact we make in your Community.

To use your monthly dues as a **tax-deductible donation** to the Y, please email [susanp@newportymca.org](mailto:susanp@newportymca.org).

#### **OPTION 2: DONATE ABOVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

Donate to help us now and long into the future. Your gift also ensures that once this crisis is over, the Y is still able to provide life-changing and life-saving programs, services and community to our neighbors in need.

#### **OPTION 3: PUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP/PROGRAM FEES ON HOLD**

We understand that this pandemic has caused a financial burden on many, and we are here to provide as much assistance as we can. Under these circumstances, you may put your membership on hold until **March 31, 2020** and pay no joiner fee when you are ready to return. No membership fees will be deducted from your account while on hold. Annual memberships may request a time extension.

To place your account on hold, please email [welcomecenter@newportymca.org](mailto:welcomecenter@newportymca.org) OR [kelseym@newportymca.org](mailto:kelseym@newportymca.org).

**OPTION 4: YMCA SCHOLARSHIP**

We can offer a temporary YMCA scholarship for a portion of your membership fee going forward. The Newport County YMCA never turns anyone away due to an inability to pay. Our annual campaign makes this possible.

To receive a scholarship, in any amount, please complete the Financial Assistance Application on our website at [financial-aid-form.pdf \(newportymca.org\)](#).

**OPTION 5: CANCEL YOUR MEMBERSHIP\***

We really hope you choose to [#StayWithUs](#), but should you choose to terminate your relationship with the Y, please email [welcomecenter@newportymca.org](mailto:welcomecenter@newportymca.org) or [kelseym@newportymca.org](mailto:kelseym@newportymca.org).

*\*Please note: A joiner fee may apply upon reactivating your account.*