



May 29, 2024

Dear Town Council,

On behalf of the Outer Banks Family YMCA, I want to thank you for your ongoing partnership as we work side-by-side with our neighbors to strengthen our community through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. With your support, we continue to provide impactful programming designed to build a healthy mind, body, and spirit. Our offerings include fitness classes, affordable summer camp, life-saving swim lessons, extensive health and wellness center, and full-court basketball gymnasium.

As part of the Y's commitment to equity and accessibility, we provide financial assistance for YMCA memberships and participating in our healthy programming. Our Open Doors financial aid reduces membership fees, which include access to fitness classes, exercise equipment, social events, and childcare while at the Y. Our robust array of programs includes swim lessons, group sports, and summer camps. In 2023 alone, the Outer Banks Family YMCA provided more than \$166,483 in Open Doors Financial Assistance.

This year, we are expanding our Free Teen Summer Membership initiative. This program offers any local teen a free summer membership to the Y, along with teen-specific programming throughout the summer. Activities include volunteer opportunities, social events, teen exclusive health and wellness classes, and sports. We recognize that many teens spend their summers at home, often without adult supervision, and keeping them engaged in activities is essential for their social-emotional learning, and safety.

We are proud to serve the residents of Kill Devil Hills, providing over 190 households with some level of financial assistance for membership. Additionally, the employees of the Town of Kill Devil Hills receive a discounted membership rate, resulting in over \$6,000 in savings for the town's employees over a year. We also work with Kill Devil Hills Ocean Rescue to provide space for them to test all of their future guards in our indoor pool.

Our commitment to the community extends beyond our own programs. We collaborate with many wonderful organizations to support our neighbors, such as hosting:

- Dare County After Prom
- The Dare County Special Olympics swim team and meets
- Our local school swim teams and meets

Thank you for believing in the mission of the Outer Banks Family YMCA and showing your support for our community.

Sincerely,

Jamie Koch,
Executive Director Outer Banks Family YMCA



OUTER BANKS FAMILY YMCA 2023 DONOR IMPACT

16% of our members receive financial assistance



\$166,483

was awarded to help families and individuals have access and enjoy benefits of YMCA membership and programs with a reduced rate through the Y's Open Doors program.

"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving."



- Mother Theresa



The Outer Banks Family YMCA raised \$62,752. That is only 30% of the amount of subsidy that was awarded to our members and participants.

To make belonging possible for all, we need you as our root system. With strong roots, our canopy of support will continue to serve our community members who receive some level of financial assistance from the Y.

100% of your donation will directly support signature programs and Open Doors income-based scholarships for reduced membership access and program fees.



89

Individual received financial aid for sports and aquatic programs totalling \$4,682.



133

Children enrolled in our child care and camp programs. 25% were on scholarship, equalling \$16,100 in financial assistance.

67

Local teens took advantage of our free summer teen memberships, up from 41 teens in 2022.



585

People have benefitted from our Mobile Food Pantries through our partnership with Food Bank of the Albemarle since August 2023.



Mission: To put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all