



April 12, 2025

Dear Mayor Windley and Commissioners,

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 last year of \$5,000, we continued to provide impactful programming designed to build a healthy mind, body, and spirit. We want to share with you how your support made a difference to the residents and the employees of the Town of Kill Devil Hills last year

As part of the Y's commitment to equity and accessibility, we provided financial assistance for YMCA memberships, summer camp and other programs such as sports and swim lessons. Our Open Doors financial aid program reduces membership fees, which include access to fitness classes, exercise equipment, social events, and childcare while at the Y. Last year overall we awarded \$174,595 in financial assistance to residents of the Outer Banks; however, we only raised \$55,327, which is 32% of the amount awarded in subsidies.

For the residents of Kill Devil Hills the breakdown is as follows

- \$96,348 in Open Doors assistance for memberships
- \$10,293 in financial assistance for summer camps for children who are residents of Kill Devil Hills
- \$3,497 in discounts to employees of the Town of Kill Devil Hills.
- 560 residents were served by our mobile food pantry held at the Y

We are asking the council to consider increasing their support to \$10,000 this year as the need is continually increasing for our residents.

This year, we are offering our Free Teen Summer Membership initiative again. 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.

In addition, we increased enrollment in our summer camp by 41% to help combat the increasing childcare shortage, and summer learning loss with educational programming. As our population continues to grow and the burden of childcare costs on families increase, we cannot continue to grow without increased funding.

We are proud to serve the residents of Kill Devil Hills. 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
- "Night to Shine" prom for special needs in partnership with Church of the Outer Banks
- The Dare County Special Olympics swim team and meets
- Our local school high school swim teams and meets
- Dare County Children & Youth partnership as a host site for Triple P Parenting classes
- Outer Banks Health as a site for informative lunch & learns regarding health issues
- The Blood Connection and Red Cross as a host site for blood drives

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jamie M. Koch'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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# OUTER BANKS FAMILY YMCA 2024 DONOR IMPACT

**16%** of our members receive financial assistance



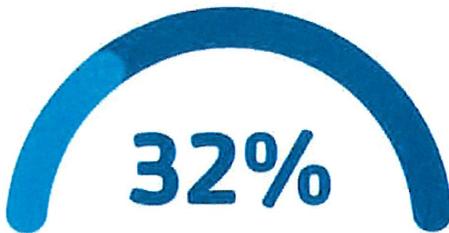
**\$174,595**

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.

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."



— Mahatma Gandhi



The Outer Banks Family YMCA raised \$55,327. That is only 32% 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.



**68**

Individuals received financial aid for sports and aquatic programs totaling \$4,682.



**186**

Children enrolled in our child care and camp programs. 25% were on scholarship, equaling \$16,500 in financial assistance.

**75**

Local teens took advantage of our free summer teen memberships, up from 67 teens in 2023.



**939**

People have benefitted from our Mobile Food Pantries through our partnership with Food Bank of the Albemarle in 2024.



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