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**2021
Annual Report**

**» YMCA OF GREATER
WHITTIER
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Letter from the CEO



Dear YMCA Family and Friends,

Congratulations to everyone that has been a part of the YMCA of Greater Whittier's 108 year history.

You are part of our Y Family! Together, we celebrate the accomplishments of 2021 with all of you and the legacy of those who preceded us. We thought 2020 was a challenging year, but 2021 brought its own disruptions. In spite of all the challenges and necessary changes, we stayed committed in service to Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility to our communities.

First and foremost, let us thank our Board of Directors for their undeniable support and advocacy for our YMCA. Our donors (investors) for their continued support. Our staff teams for their dedication and commitment to our mission in service above self, and a special thank you to our businesses, school districts, and community partners that work with us in support of all we do at the Y.

Luis Carrion served as our Board Chair for both 2020 & 2021. Luis' leadership with his business acumen helped guide us with a continued focus on our core services in Youth Development while methodically rebuilding services in membership and programs as resources became available to expand our services. A special thank you to Terry Roznos as our Finance Chair, as his leadership and oversight of our fiscal resources are to be commended during the most difficult times in our Y's history. Thank you to rest of the Board as we reconvened board committees and renewed energy into service to our Greater Whittier Area YMCA. We honor and celebrate the long-term service of our outgoing Board Members, Virginia "Ginny" Ball, Berta Leon, Ellie Bewley, and Wayne Campfield. The foundation they built with our Y in service will continue for years to come impacting our community for the greater good. Our YMCA is set to navigate the ever-changing environment as good stewards due to the investments made by our board.

One specific highlight from their tenure is our food program,

which began in 2018, as a direct response to the food insecurity data in our service area. No one could ever have expected in 2021 that we would serve over 250,000 meals and snacks to youth facing food insecurity. Another example is our Strategic Planning needs assessment from 2017 that emphasized the Y to expand in Youth Development Services. Now in 2021 we now serve 300 children daily in our multi-site locations at our Uptown Y, East Whittier Y, East Whittier Schools, Norwalk-La Mirada Schools and our Youth Services Campus at Rancho in La Mirada. Infant care was added in 2021. Safe, secure, learning environment for children to support working families is what the Y continues to deliver in Youth Development, no matter the circumstances.

Our pools re-opened in 2021, filling a two-year gap in Aquatics programs. By year-end we were serving 300 youth a month in swim lessons and swim team making a safer community through the prevention of childhood drownings.

We are happy to welcome back part of our community as our Stride program participants continued to return to in-person programming. Our Stride program embodies that we are for "All"!

Our staff and leadership worked with fortitude to continue to support wellness for members while adhering to county Covid-19 health regulations. During Covid, we learned how vital community is to mental health and our staff was there to greet and connect with members each day. We made adjustments in our staffing model, reallocating resources allowed us to add key staff for classroom instruction, swim lessons, lifeguarding, and wellness programs including youth basketball and group exercise classes.

Stay tuned as we continue to grow in 2022 with resolve to meet our community needs. Change is inevitable, how we meet change is the challenge. Thank all of you for your support as investors in our YMCA of Greater Whittier mission; we couldn't do it without you!

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Curt".

Curt Skotnicki

President and CEO





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The mission of the YMCA of Greater Whittier is to put Judeo-Christian Principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

YMCA OF GREATER WHITTIER OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT FOR 2021



3,976

Y Members & Program
Participants



\$219,522

In Direct Financial
Assistance for Families &
Individuals



623

Active Seniors Joined
in Y Programming



\$543,000

In Childcare Services for
Low Income Families



2,216

Individual Swim
Lessons



1,261

Served in Y Programs



265

Kids in Y Before &
After School Care



20

Full-Time
Staff Members



257,200

Meals & Snacks
Served to Youth & Families



361

Total Volunteer
Hours Served



40

Stride Participants



37

Part-Time
Staff Members

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Governance Committee

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Child Care Site**
14540 San Cristobal Dr.
La Mirada, CA 90638
562.329.1566

**Murphy Ranch
Elementary School
Child Care Site**
16021 Janine Dr.
Whittier, CA 90603
562.373.1795

**East Whittier
Family Center**
15740 Starbuck St.
Whittier, CA 90603
562.943.7241

**Granada
Middle School
Child Care Site**
15337 Lemon Dr.
Whittier, CA 90604

**Ocean View Elementary
Child Care Site**
14359 2nd St.
Whittier, CA 90605
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**YMCA
Camp Arbolado**
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Angelus Oaks, CA 92305
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**Orchard Dale Elementary
Child Care Site**
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