



ONE STEP AT A TIME

YMCA of Greater Whittier
Annual Report 2023



President and CEO Message

The YMCA of Greater Whittier has been a beacon of hope, resilience, and unwavering commitment to our community. Together, in 2023, we've forged connections, nurtured potential, and uplifted lives by focusing on three areas:

Youth Development: Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders

Our young people are the architects of our future, and at the Y, we take this responsibility to heart. Through our dynamic youth development programs, we ignite curiosity, build character, and foster leadership skills. Whether it's after-school activities, childcare, or sports leagues, we empower our youth to dream big and reach for the stars.

Social Responsibility: Bridging Gaps

In times of challenge, our community rallies together. We've witnessed the strength of our collective spirit as we've stood side by side, addressing critical needs to uplift families through



our Stride Programs for adults with diverse abilities, technology equipment giveaway, free family events, or scholarships for our programs, we've exemplified what it means to be socially responsible. Your voice matters, and together, we create positive change.

Healthy Living: Nurturing Mind, Body, and Soul

Health is wealth, and our commitment to your well-being remains unshakable. Whether you're a seasoned fitness enthusiast or just starting your wellness journey, the Y is your partner. From invigorating workouts

to mindfulness sessions, we're here to help you thrive. Our pools echo with laughter during swim lessons, and our fitness classes pulse with energy. We're not just a gym; we're a vibrant community where health flourishes.

Our valued partners, each of you, have been instrumental in our journey. Your unwavering commitment fuels our programs, and your belief in our mission propels us forward. As we rebuild and revamp, we're excited about the new horizons ahead. The Y isn't just a place; it's a force for good.

Thank you for being an essential thread in our community fabric. Your kindness, dedication, and resilience inspire us daily. Let's continue to dream, connect, and create a brighter tomorrow.

With gratitude,

Curt Skotnicki

President & CEO | YMCA of Greater Whittier

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***in Memoriam**

Child Development



Through childcare, the Y served 834 youth in 2023. An additional 121 were involved in sports.

Everyday we are reminded of the incredible impact your generosity has had on young lives at the YMCA of Greater Whittier. Your unwavering support has transformed dreams into reality, and we are immensely grateful.

Let me introduce you to Lennox, a spirited child who embodies the heart of our mission. Lennox stepped into our programs in 2020. His journey began with crayons and storybooks, but it was on the basketball court that he truly found his rhythm. The Y's basketball program became his compass, guiding him toward confidence, teamwork, and resilience.

Lennox's mother, shared her gratitude with us. She noticed the change and the sparkle in Lennox's eyes. She says he is a lot more engaged now since he started playing basketball.

But it wasn't just about academics; it was about readiness for life. The Y had become their extended family and a place where values like caring, honesty, and respect were woven into every activity. And then came the scholarship to participate in the basketball program.

This was the bridge that connected Lennox's dreams to reality. Your donation wasn't just financial support; it was a lifeline. Lennox's layups echoed your kindness. The Y had given them more than basketball; it had given them hope.

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Today, Lennox stands ready for kindergarten. Your generosity has ignited his journey.

As we embark on another year, we invite you to continue this journey with us. Your donation matters. It transforms lives, nurtures potential, and builds a stronger community. Together, we can create more Lennox stories - more dreams realized, more futures brightened.



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Social Responsibility

Over \$670,000
Philanthropic amount
raised to make Y
programs and services
affordable to the
community.

From camp sessions to local area 5th graders to tech literacy workshops to community events, we believe in accessibility to all our programs and services. Last summer, Marisol shared her son's story. Matthew, a brave 12-year old, who survived cancer and a stroke, made it to YMCA Camp Arbolado along with his sister on Y scholarships. His mother initially unable to afford sending both to camp, shared that one day she will be financially able to sponsor a child as her children were in 2023.

We also held skill building workshops throughout the year. Our workshops covered topics including technology, financial literacy, and navigation of the healthcare system for older adults.

Our family events are not only enjoyable but also contribute to building a stronger sense of community. The Pumpkin Plunge, a fun-filled aquatic event where families and friends come together to celebrate the season and search for pumpkins in our pool. It's a unique twist on traditional pumpkin picking! Our Healthy Kids Day is all about promoting physical activity, nutrition, and overall wellness for children.

Recognizing the importance of digital access, we organized the giveaway of 50 laptops to students at no-cost to families.

Our collaborative efforts with school districts, community organizations, and businesses including AT&T, Credit Union of Southern California, and Human I-T continue to strengthen the community. We realize we cannot do it alone, but together, we can build a better future for all.



Healthy Living

"This is a marvelous place. There is a lot of love here. There is no place like the Y for me," says member Yvonne P. who is a consistent face at our group exercise classes in the Uptown Whittier Family YMCA.

Our fitness centers provide a space for members to achieve their wellness goals and offer a comprehensive workout experience at both branch locations .

Our group exercise classes have become a hub of energy and camaraderie.

Participants engage in activities like family basketball games, cycling, Zumba, yoga, and boot camp, benefiting from both physical fitness and social connections.



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73,249

Nutritious and delicious meals provided to children.



1,365

Youth learned life-saving safety around water skills.



616

Seniors engaged through programs & activities at the Y.

2023 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT - DECEMBER 31, 2023

REVENUES & SUPPORT	JAN 1 - DEC 31, 2023
Grants and contributions	\$705,616.00
Support-in-kind-facilities & goods	\$51,824.00
Program service Fees	\$687,233.00
Camp and childcare programs	\$2,821,285.00
Memberships	\$974,535.00
Investment income/(loss), net	\$379,344.00
Rent	\$20,224.00
Change in value of split interest agreements	\$14,597.00
Special Events, net of direct expenses	\$22,748.00
Other, including refundable tax credit	\$11,306.00
Total Revenue	\$5,688,712.00

EXPENSES	JAN 1 - DEC 31, 2023
Program services	\$4,651,256.00
Supporting services	
Management and general	\$1,343,448.00
Fundraising	\$141,835.00
Total Expenses	\$6,136,539.00

The YMCA remembers the life & service of William & Peggy Newsom



William, affectionately known as Bill, and Margaret, fondly called Peggy, were pillars of support for the YMCA community in Whittier.

Born amidst the fragrant citrus groves of Santa Fe Springs, Bill's childhood was steeped in the outdoors. At YMCA Camp Arbolado, Bill actively participated in programs that shaped character and resilience.

Settling in Whittier, Bill and Peggy continued their YMCA journey, sharing its magic with their own family - two sons and one daughter.

William and Peggy continue their support of the Y through the legacy gift made to the YMCA before their passing. Their unwavering commitment left an indelible mark, fostering growth, connection, and well-being for generations.

If you would like to leave a legacy gift to the YMCA and join our Heritage Society please contact Juan Aceves at jaceves@ymcawhittier.org or (562) 392-6487.

Photo courtesy of family.

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In honor of Wayne Campfield

In honor of Ted and Monica Dean

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In honor of Erin

In honor of George R. Esterley, Jr.

In honor of Robert "Bob" Henke

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In honor of William "Bill" Newsom

In honor of Ruth Shannon

In honor of John Taboada

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East Whittier Family YMCA

15740 Starbuck Street
Whittier, 90603
(562) 307-8725

La Mirada Youth Services Center

14540 San Cristobal Dr.
La Mirada, 90638
(562) 329-4690

Uptown Whittier Family YMCA

12510 Hadley Street
Whittier, 90601
(562) 600-6148

YMCA Camp Arbolado

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Angelus Oaks, 92305
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for 108 years.**