



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

GROWING STRONGER TOGETHER

Reflecting on the past year, these are the values that gave our work meaning and helped to shape our mission in serving our community.

FLEXIBILITY

JOY

LOVE

BLESSINGS

MISSION FRIENDSHIP INEQUITY LOSS
DISAPPOINTMENT

INNOVATION PROTECT PRAYER

HELP FAITH RESPECT WORSHIP

SUPPORT KINDNESS PATIENCE
APPRECIATE

CARING PARTNER ENCOURAGEMENT

GENEROSITY WISDOM

CELEBRATE SUSTAIN PERSEVERANCE ADAPT

EXCELLENCE TRIAL PERSEVERE SERVICE

HUMILITY ILLNESS STEWARDSHIP

THANKSGIVING FAMILY GRATITUDE RECOGNIZE

RECHARGE HARDSHIP STUDY COMMUNITY

RESILIENT DETERMINATION

2020 Accomplishments

- We sustained the mission of our Y during 10 months of the pandemic.
- Started the year with 1,000 students in our Kid Zone Before & After School Enrichment program.
- Held second Annual Board and Council Summit.
- Provided character development training to over 100 Kid Zone counselors.
- Facilitated successful Youth Basketball Leagues (YBL) in Plainfield, Joliet, Morris, and Coal City.
- Established emergency closure guidelines for COVID and trained all staff.
- GJAY COVID Response and Dashboard developed. YMCA of the USA shared with 10 YMCA Alliances nationwide.
- Transitioned to paperless business office processes.
- Reimagined programming – created virtual fitness, dance, and youth and family programs.
- Expanded IT infrastructure to support remote work plan. Expanded internet access to support students during remote learning.
- Facilitated daily/weekly “Prayer Call Line” for 10 months.
- Made outreach calls to hundreds of seniors and members during our closure.
- Made thank you calls to members that continued to pay dues during our closure.
- Established Employee Assistance Fund.
- Established Member Assistance Fund.
- Developed reopening and programming safety guidelines.
- Trained 300+ employees on new safety standards.
- Executed facility modification plans and contact tracing protocol.
- Protected YMCA members and staff with exceptional PPE protocol.
- Successfully hosted modified Summer Day Camp with new safety protocols.
- Transitioned sports and aquatics programming to private and small groups.
- Established expanded Kid Zone PLUS program in 10 new community locations.
- Over 250 Kid Zone PLUS kids educated – improved social/mental/physical health.
- Provided 160,000 meals for kids and families.
- Hosted food drives, coat drives, and shoe drives to benefit our community.
- Engaged volunteers for Feed My Starving Children, Toys for Tots, MorningStar Mission, and Salvation Army.
- Secured Payroll Protection Program funding of just under \$1.5M.
- Applied for and received \$150K Business Interruption Grant.
- Launched Mission Strong Fund Campaign – raised more than \$1M.
- Board of Directors met and exceeded their 2020 giving goal by contributing more than \$50,000 to the Mission Strong Fund- a new record for annual board giving.
- Successfully transitioned Gala sponsors to Mission Strong Donors – raised \$110K.
- Metro Board launched Mission Strong Task Force to realign strategic plan. Developed new Mission Strong Strategic Priorities approved by Board.
- Balanced the budget with the assistance of Payroll Protection Program funds.
- Expanded mission impact through partnerships with the Salvation Army, Joliet Public Library, Plainfield United Methodist Church, Minooka Bible Church, Lewis University, and local school districts.

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- Began partnership talks with Joliet Junior College and an expanded partnership with Salvation Army.
- Secured new Kid Zone location in Bolingbrook for spring 2021.
- Launched new “YMCA On the Go” App to enhance member communication- currently engaging 3,500+ members.
- Implemented required facility reservations system.
- Strengthened our Board of Directors by adding 3 new members.
- Board of Director Emeritus status redefined.
- Chairman of the Board Newsletter “Notes from the Chairman” initiated.
- Morris Capital Campaign Cabinet achieves \$12.4M (69% of goal) in pledges. \$800K raised in Q4 alone.
- Qualified as a “Mid-Major YMCA” in 2021 by YMCA of the USA.
- Certified as Member Association in the National Council of Young Men’s Christian Associations of the United States of America for 2019.
- Nominated by Joliet Chamber for Annual Award in Social Services category.