Strengthening community is our cause,
and the YMCA of Dane County serves the greater good by fostering healthy lifestyles, connecting people across the lines of age, race and gender and filling gaps where society falls short by ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.
Friday Nights at the Y

Our “Friday Nights” program started as a pilot partnership with the City of Madison Police and Fire Departments. Collectively, we wanted to connect teens and first responders in social situations to help diffuse racial tensions, provide potential mentors to at-risk youth, teach life skills and give teens in our community a safe, healthy place to go on Friday nights in the summer. Sun Prairie Police, Fire and EMS joined the initiative in 2016, and we’ve made a bigger impact every year.
Habitat for Humanity
All new Habitat homeowners receive a free, three-month YMCA membership, connecting them to our programs and services! The Y shares information about Habitat’s home-building, home-repair and financial counseling services with its members and staff. The reach of both organizations is extended.

Supporting VA Patients
In late-2017, the Y began offering significantly discounted memberships to all active patients at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison. We empower fitness, facilitate healthy behaviors and build connections ... making all the difference in the world to a veteran in a course of treatment at the hospital.

Second Harvest
The Y screens thousands of families for food security issues and refers those in need to support services from Second Harvest Foodbank. This partnership expands food distribution to families in need by increasing awareness of food support resources.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Community Connections: In addition to hosting Giving Trees and Share Your Holidays food drop-offs, we helped collect thousands of cans of Play-Doh for the American Family Children’s Hospital.

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VETERANS MEMBERSHIPS

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FOOD INSECURITY REFERRALS
Evidence-Based Health Initiatives: LIVESTRONG® at the YMCA

The YMCA has always been a force in helping people get or stay healthy. Today, our clinically proven health programs help strengthen cancer survivors, prevent the onset of diabetes, manage blood pressure, prevent falls and more. Cancer-survivor and recent LIVESTRONG participant Patti told us her Y Story:

The YMCA offered a shining beacon of hope. The Y was starting a new LIVESTRONG program, a place for cancer survivors to heal and reclaim our health. From day one, everyone in my class supported and cared for each other. We set goals and blew them away. And today, I am stronger and better. I hope that anyone who needs it can experience having a safe place to return to health; it is essential to healing.

In 2017, the Y provided $448,623 in financial assistance to thousands of kids, families and adults, ensuring that ALL people have opportunities to build a healthy spirit, mind and body.

In addition, we also donated $9,715 in memberships, programs and services to other local nonprofit organizations working to inspire change and improve lives in our community.

Financial Assistance Awarded in 2017

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