South Shore YMCA
The Campaign to Build a Better Y.
Update – October 2024

Dear Friend of the South Shore YMCA:

The Building Committee remains hard at work, now turning our attention to the last remaining capital project of the Leave Your Mark campaign.

We are proud to report that the Nature Center Preschool building project has been completed! The new 5,000 square foot building is furnished, the classrooms are full and the surrounding landscape has been transformed with beautiful outdoor classroom spaces where the children will spend most of their time. We are now turning our attention to rehabilitating the existing building, reinvigorating the Children's Garden, building a new chicken coop and ensuring that everything is accessible to learners of all ages and abilities.

We held two openings: one for our President's Club and one for our preschool families. Both attracted big crowds as we toured the new building together, thanked Leave Your Mark campaign donors for making it all possible and welcomed new donations. Please visit our website page (https://ssymca.org/leave-your-mark/) to see the list of all the generous donations to this campaign.



Nearby, at the Emilson Y, the South Shore YMCA Outdoor Aquatics Center operated for its second season, again reaching our target number of season pass holder passes, welcoming a record number of Camp Gordon Clark campers and providing wonderful respite for hundreds of families during the long, hot and dry summer of 2024.

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Our final project, the Hale Family YMCA Branch Expansion has a conceptual design, adding 20,000 square feet to the existing building. The demand for in-person classes and physical well-being has skyrocketed within all age groups, including our valued seniors and our expansion will meet that growing need. In addition, this space will also cater to our growing teen population during afterschool hours, filled with programming such as a Teen Advisory Board and Leadership Programs. With our teen population averaging 400 visits a day to our Branch, our Briggs Family Field House needs this additional space for teen enrichment.



We will also introduce a new, large scale Gymnastics Center filling a void within the City of Quincy. The Gymnastics Center will develop and encourage the youth of today and positively impact teen female empowerment. The Gymnastics Center will also include Cheering and Dance programs and encompass a mentoring space encouraging the youth of today and positively impacting teen female empowerment.

Key achievements in this process include obtaining the permits needed to move forward. This timeline keeps us on pace to break ground and eventually occupy the space in early 2026. As has been widely reported, construction prices have risen dramatically since the days before the pandemic. We have begun the community phase of this capital campaign which invites all to join you in making an impactful gift that will help us meet the increased financial demands of these community strengthening projects.

Thank you for your commitment to the South Shore YMCA as we strive to be good stewards of the funds you so generously donated to make a positive, long-lasting impact on our community. We will continue to provide updates as we make progress on each project.

Respectfully,

Dan DeMarco
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