



FORWARD TOGETHER

ILLINOIS STATE ALLIANCE OF YMCAS
2023 COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT



YMCAs across the state welcomed the community into their facilities, positively impacting **519,358** members and serving an additional **148,537** individuals through programs.

In 2023, nearly 75% of Illinois YMCAs saw an increase in revenue over 2019 pre-pandemic levels. However, 25% of Illinois YMCAs are still experiencing decreased revenue due to the lingering effects of the COVID pandemic.

YMCAs, like other non-profits throughout the state, are still struggling to hire quality staff and maintain needed staffing levels.



- 14%** AVERAGE INCREASE IN REVENUE
(88% of IL Ys reported an increase)
- \$22,249,612**
FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL ASSISTANCE RECEIVED
- \$12,235,023**
ANNUAL SUPPORT RECEIVED FROM COMMUNITY
- \$2,601,845**
CAPITAL SUPPORT RECEIVED FROM COMMUNITY
- \$11,774,243**
COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GIVEN
(scholarships/reduced fees)

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The Illinois State Alliance of YMCAs brings together more than 800 YMCA program locations impacting more than 150 communities and engaging nearly 1 million Illinoisans to strengthen the foundations of community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

THE Y'S IMPACT ON...

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT - YMCAs supported youth and families through safe and enriching out-of-school-time programs, strategic partnerships, and adaptive programs.

HEALTHY LIVING - YMCAs prioritized healthy behaviors by welcoming the community into wellness centers, promoting drowning prevention and supporting those battling chronic diseases by offering evidence based programming.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY - YMCAs stepped up to meet the unique needs of their communities: vaccination education & clinics, blood drives, mental health services, food distribution, tax preparation, clothing drives, emergency immigrant housing and services, support of adults with developmental disabilities, and more.

BY THE NUMBERS:

5,366 Served in Evidence-based Chronic Disease Programs



- 829 Children Served in Mentoring Programs
- 4,073 Children Served in Early Childhood Programs
- 41,840 Children participated in Out of School Time Programs (262 School Districts)

33 Ys provided child care to families who qualify for child care assistance. An average of 34% of total youth served received assistance.

“ Youth & Government means a lot to me because it affords us a safe space to confront our community needs and brainstorm ways to create change for the better. No matter what occupation we pursue, we will all be a part of a community. The lessons we learn and skills we develop will stick with us for a lifetime and help us be better leaders. ”

- Emerson Zhang 2024 Youth Governor.



- 261 Homeless Services
- 609 Served in with Residential Services
- 3,660 Military/Veterans Served



28,437 Youth and Adults Participated in Drowning Prevention Programs



- 1,492,771 Meals Served
- 10,581 Volunteers Engaged
- 5,100 Served with Programs to Combat Social Isolation and Loneliness

“ Thank you for everything you and the YMCA have done to make summer camp a wonderful experience for Emily. This is the first time Emily has ever had a positive experience at camp and has been able to be accommodated. ”

-Brooke, mother of 9 year old daughter with special needs