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[Mr. & Mrs. John Q. Sample] [Gabriel Group]
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Date 2017

Dear [Mr. & Mrs. Sample],

First, I'm writing to thank you for supporting the Y. I can give you so many ways your gifts are making a real difference to the people in our community.

And when you see how much of a difference you are making, I hope you will continue your support now because <u>you are essential</u> to ensuring <u>everyone</u> in our community has access to learn, grow and thrive at the Y!

Here are just some of the things your gifts do.

You put kids in affordable afterschool care, getting homework help and playing active games instead of staring at a screen.

You provide swimming classes for toddlers and their moms, reducing the risk of drowning. I am so glad to see this. Drowning is the leading cause of injury death among children 1–4, and you're helping prevent this tragedy.

In the summer, your gifts provide nutritious lunches for kids whose homes have empty refrigerators.

You are building and strengthening teenagers' character through leadership and education programs that allow them to achieve their full potential regardless of their families financial resources.

You're putting smiles on the faces of seniors. And the classes that keep them

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PLEASE HELP MAKE YOUR COMMUNITY STRONGER TODAY.

active and social are also benefitting their health.

I could go on, but you get the idea. You'll be helping make the Y a place where everyone can get healthier, happier and stronger. It is a place where the real needs of the community — for services like child care, summer programs, and drowning prevention — are met, fully and generously.

The word "everyone" is important, because we believe that **everyone bene its** from the Y, and everyone should have access to our programs. Your gift can help us bridge gaps in families' budgets and make the Y possible.

It doesn't take much. A gift of just \$[GC1] can help relieve the worry of a mother who can't find affordable after-school care for her kids. Or fill a first-grader's backpack with nice, new school supplies she wouldn't otherwise have. Or help a

It's a gift that makes our community a better, friendlier place to live. And that's a gift that benefits all of us. Please give today.

Thanks for your support!

[Signature]

[Signer Full Name] [Signer Title]

P.S. Did you ever think one gift could do that much? It can ... and it

THE YMCA

Gabriel Group and Donor By Design (DBD), a fundraising consultancy that specializes in fund development for YMCAs, have partnered to aid 18 YMCAs located across the country in raising money and making a lasting impact within their respective communities. The cross-channel program included a personalized direct mail effort in addition to a follow-up digital e-appeal asking recipients to invest in their communities by giving to their local YMCA.

The inaugural collaborative campaign collected 2,105 gifts and netted \$201,190 in total revenue while boasting a 1.68% response rate and average gift of \$131.63. Additionally, two \$100,000 planned gifts were identified as a result of the mailing.



