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## A Message from President & CEO Tony Collins

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YMCA of Central Ohio

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How we're meeting our community's needs



### Together, we can endure any challenge

Dear Valued YMCA of Central Ohio Member:

Thank you for your patience as we navigate these unprecedented and difficult times while simultaneously caring for our community. I'm asking you to stay with us during this time if you can.

Even with our branches temporarily closed, the YMCA's mission-focused work continues and is growing by the day to meet our community's needs. Social distance does not mean social absence. Lifting up and supporting one another is critical right now, especially for our community's most vulnerable.

We are currently serving the community in these following ways:

- **Community Housing:** We are providing case management to 750 individuals to help them stay stably-housed.
- **Emergency Shelter:** Our downtown branch is currently being used to [temporarily shelter](#) 200 individuals experiencing homelessness during this unsettling and vulnerable time.
- **Service-Based Shelter:** Our Van Buren Shelter is currently offering home-schooling services for over 100 children that don't have a place to call home, which includes meals, school assistance and clinical support.
- **Early Childhood Resource Network:** We continue to serve families in various programs through virtual home visits and ongoing support and assistance.

When the YMCA of Central Ohio was founded in 1855, joining the Y meant joining a cause and this remains true today. While we are eager to resume activity in our centers, I humbly ask that you become a Sustaining Member by continuing to pay your monthly membership dues. Your support will help us be nimble and effective in serving the crucial needs of our community.

Thank you for working with us to demonstrate the power of community and what we can accomplish when we come together to support those who need us the most.

**Tony Collins**  
*President & CEO*  
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