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IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES...

During the Winter of 2018, the Duneland Family YMCA hired Donor by Design to test the feasibility of raising money to support the development of a renovation or new YMCA facility. This study tested the enthusiasm of community leaders and gathered their thoughts about the image of the Y and the potential of a renovated/new facility. The findings and recommendations were staggering.

"The Y plays a vital role in the well-being of our community."

"Does an amazing job helping kids get a good start in life."

"The Y is an integral part of our community."

"The Y is our community center. THIS PROJECT IS NECESSARY."

87%
Said the Y's image is good or very good.

95%
Said now is an appropriate time to start a campaign.

100%
Were familiar with the programs/ services offered by the Y

87%
Said the Y is on the right track with proposed plans.

95%
Said the Y has exceptional leadership



OUR VISION FOR A NEW Y

A renovation/new facility will create a modern, vibrant gathering hub for all, providing wellness, recreation, and a safe place for youth. The discussed design features welcoming social gathering areas and space for community activities and programs. The community is looking for a facility with:

- ◆ Early Learning Academy
- ◆ Senior Center
- ◆ Indoor walking/running track
- ◆ Swimming pool
- ◆ Teaching/community kitchen
- ◆ Outdoor pavilion
- ◆ Wellness/cardio center
- ◆ Gymnasium with viewing area
- ◆ Multi-purpose rooms
- ◆ Locker rooms (family/special needs)
- ◆ Chapel, quiet area for reflection

GREATER IMPACT

A new YMCA will:

- Expand and ensure access to high quality, affordable early childhood education programs with a focus on our most vulnerable residents
- Provide a social and recreational outlet for seniors to remain active and independent
- Teach more children to be safe in and around the water
- Create a welcoming and fully accessible environment for people of all abilities
- Ensure all people in our community have access to the range of programs and services that curb the spread of chronic disease and improve healthy outcomes
- Develop partnerships that create a strong network of support for the children, adults and families in our community and expand our ability to serve a more diverse population
- Provide a vibrant, social gathering space for people to connect



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Front row from left to right: Jessica Watts, 1st Source Bank; Shannon Donnelly, Chicago Collegiate Charter School; Laura Cline, Paralegal; Tina Raffin, Better Choices – Better Lives; Katie Clark, Lexis Nexis; Kristin Jackson, Wells Fargo Advisors; Christy Jarka, Duneland School Corporation and Meg McCarel, Porter County Education Interlocal. Back row from left to right: Rich Gardner, FiberForce by abcpolymer; Elizabeth Marks, Lakeside Wealth Management; Jon Winey, TCU Insurance; Rob Dorsey, NIPSCO; Jim Anton, Anton Insurance; Jim Trout, Trout Glass & Mirror and Scott Mundell, Franciscan Health. Not pictured: Laurie Wehner-Evans, LaPorte Hospital; and Mike Uzelac, Dental Arts Group.

LEADERS MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN

One of the greatest misconceptions about the Y is that we are just a building with a pool, gym, and workout equipment. The reality is that the YMCA is a powerful agent of change focused on strengthening our communities, one person at a time. With a commitment to diversity and inclusion, the Y ensures its programs and services are accessible to everyone. Children, young adults, families, seniors, veterans, and those with diverse abilities are among the many, but rapidly growing segments of our membership.

The Duneland Family YMCA Board of Directors recognized that our current facility (built in 1972) is not adequately meeting the needs of our community. We have outgrown our space, preventing us from being able to meet our community's needs. After a considerable amount of research, the YMCA Board of Directors unanimously decided that a facility renovation/addition was the best option to serve the growing and changing needs of the Duneland communities. A project of this magnitude will require the efforts and support of many, but when it is complete, the Duneland communities will have a modern facility providing wellness, recreation and a safe place for all. If you would like to be involved with the future of the Duneland Family YMCA, please contact Dave Kasarda, dkasarda@dunelandymca or (219) 926-4204.



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