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# MARSHALLTOWN YMCA-YWCA CONNECTION

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A NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS OF THE MARSHALLTOWN YMCA-YWCA

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# THANK YOU

## FOR YOUR SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

We are so grateful for loyal members who stuck with the Y during our temporary closure, and for our generous donors whose support allowed us to continue operating. Our work is essential to our community, and we could not continue this critical mission without your support.

For those supporters who continued to pay Y membership fees while the facility was closed, you may request a receipt for your tax-deductible donation. Contact Kim Jass-Ramirez at 641-752-8658, x206 or email kim.jass-ramirez@ymca-ywca.org.

**“My membership to the Y is about making a contribution to a stronger community. By supporting the Y, I am ensuring that everyone gets the support they need, no matter who they are or where they come from.” -Val Ruff, Marshalltown Y member & Heritage Club Board Member**

## COMMITTED TO SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Here are a few examples of how the Y continued to meet community needs while its facility was closed as well as while businesses and organizations begin to reopen:

The Y partnered with UnityPoint-Marshalltown in May to offer Emergency Child Care to essential staff. The Y continues to provide Summer Child Care for parents in need of safe, quality care for their children as they return to work.



Some of our most vulnerable and senior members received phone calls from Y staff to check on their well-being and to help deal with social isolation.



As businesses in the community plan for reopening, CEO Carol Hibbs has shared guidance and resources for safe and responsible opening.



Participants in the YMCA-YWCA School of Dance were able to progress in their learning & skills through virtual instruction on video conferencing.



Y leaders are partnering with community & municipal leaders, local funders and the school district to ensure needs are met for everyone affected by the pandemic.



The Y's Health & Wellness Staff provided virtual programming and guidance for at-home workouts through the Y's website and social media channels.



The Y hosted a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on June 29th.



# Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA Receives 2020 IGHSAU Executive Director's Award

Aquatic Director Shelley Lechnir, Property Manager Gary Ross and CEO Carol Hibbs received the award March 6th on behalf of the Y.



When the Marshalltown Y plays host to the many spectators, participants and visitors throughout the year, staff members first often hear how impressed the visitors are by the Horne-Henry Center and how fortunate we are to have this facility in Marshalltown. While that is usually the first reaction, it doesn't take long for them to realize that the facility alone is not what makes this Y a success. It's the people – both the volunteers and Y staff members – who give so much of their time and talents to make sure these events are successful.

Those efforts were recognized by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU) this past March when they awarded the Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA with the prestigious Executive Director's Award. The award is presented to an individual or organization that has made a notable contribution toward enhancing the experience for the "Iowa Girl" in high school athletics. The award presentation took place on Friday, March 6th at halftime of the Class 3A championship game during the 2020 Girls' State Basketball Tournament at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

"It has been an honor to host state competitions at the Horne-Henry Center since its opening in 2004, including the IGHSAU's State Swimming & Diving Championships each November," said Carol Hibbs, CEO of the YMCA-YWCA. Hibbs had the privilege of representing the Y for the award presentation along with Aquatic Director Shelley Lechnir and Property Manager Gary Ross – both of whom have provided key leadership for this event since its beginning. Hibbs added, "We are pleased to represent the many volunteers and staff members who have helped to make this event a memorable one over the years for the competitors and their fans."



The mission of the YMCA-YWCA Heritage Club is to assure a stable, long-term financial base for the Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA so that the missions of both the YMCA and YWCA can be secured.

## ABOUT THE Y'S HERITAGE CLUB

Individuals, families and companies who have made a meaningful gift to the Y through their estate plan, or made an outright cash gift of any amount to the Y endowment program, are recognized for their generosity and become members of the Heritage Club.

For more information, contact Kim Jass-Ramirez, Y Financial Development Director, at 641-752-8658. Or visit our website at [www.ymca-ywca.org](http://www.ymca-ywca.org) to learn more about our mission and how you can provide support.