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Youth Development:
2015 allowed us to deepen our impact on young minds, by the addition of receiving the South Carolina State Head Start Grant for the first time since the beginning of the school year in Aiken and Barnwell Counties. This Pre-K Program is a wonderful opportunity for the YMCA to strengthen the foundations of the communities we serve by starting at the root of the communities – families.

The continued benefit of free youth sports programs with a Metro Family membership in 2015, allowed us to see a 46% growth in impacting young athletes at the Y. This allowed access to 2,580 more youth this year that might not have had an opportunity to learn valuable life lessons on the field or court.

Healthy Living
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Social Responsibility
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Our growth continued, as we welcomed to the YMCA of Greater Augusta Family our Barnwell County Family YMCA in January of 2015. This branch added an additional 1,800 members in 2015, and provided programming and healthy events to families that were not previously available in the Barnwell community.

Fundraising continued at our Thomson branch, as they have been raising funds to renovate the former University Hospital-McDuffie into a regional Family YMCA. Plans have been confirmed for a January 2017 opening date.

Camp Lakeside capital campaign celebrated with a groundbreaking in the summer of 2015 of their recreational building, which was the start of the first phase of the project. Fundraising continues in order to complete the additional phases and buildings needed to make the camp accessible for all children, including those with disabilities and critical illnesses.

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for the 2015/2016 fundraising campaign.

A total of $2,152,000 was raised for the 2015 Annual Campaign, setting a new record.

8,792 children and adults participated in our sport leagues.

360 preschoolers as young as 2 weeks old through Pre-K licensed all day care at the child care development center.

51,138 members grew stronger in our Family YMCA.

5,000 young athletes were impacted by the YMCA.

Over 7,000 adults participated in YMCA programs and classes.

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**Linda H. Walter Leadership Award** is named in honor of a community activist and member of the merger task force who laid the foundation for our organization. This award recognizes individuals who have provided extraordinary leadership within the organization during the past year and have inspired and motivated others on behalf of the Family YMCA of Greater Augusta.

*2015 Recipient: Bill Coleman*, Thomson Board Member, and Chairman of the Thomson Capital Campaign.

**Bridge Builder Award** recognizes individuals who have worked on behalf of the Family YMCA to strengthen relationships within our organization or within our community during the past year. Volunteers and staff are eligible.

*2015 Recipient: Sheriff Richard Roundtree*, Wilson Family YMCA Board Member

**Special Appreciation Award** is presented to individuals whose service has made an outstanding impact upon the Family YMCA, either short-term or long-term.

*2015 Recipient: Jackie Fekula*

**Matt Miklas Adapted Program Award** recognizes adapted program volunteers with gratitude for exemplary service to the Family YMCA.

*2015 Recipient: George “Bubba” Morrell*

**Katie’s Courage Award** recognizes an individual who exemplifies the life and passion of Kathryn M. York through overcoming a physical or cognitive adversity.

*2015 Recipient: Orlando Perez*

**Woman of Impact Award** This annual award honors the legacy of the 80 years of service of the YWCA in Augusta and the 1997 merger of the YWCA and the YMCA. The Woman of Impact Award recognizes an exceptional woman who embodies the YMCA’s values of empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people as well as the YMCA’s core values of caring, honesty, respect, responsibility and faith. Female volunteers and staff members are eligible for this award.

*2015 Recipient: Stephanie Angelo*
HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

45,530
non-member program participants
in 2015
Aiken County Family YMCA opened the fourth CrossFit box in the Family YMCA of Greater Augusta this year, A.C.Y. CrossFit. Four new classes have been added to the CrossFit class schedule and is a new member benefit to all Metro Members.

The Aiken branch also installed its new outdoor pool bubble this year, which allows for year-round aquatics programming, swim lessons and aqua aerobics classes for members and their families. With the addition of the pool bubble, the Aiken branch pool is now the official training site of the Aiken Special Olympics Swim Team.

Aiken’s Pool Bubble

Augusta South Family YMCA

2015 was a busy year for the Augusta South Family YMCA! Augusta South hosted three powerlifting events during 2015, with over 15 participants at each competition. Each of these powerlifting competitions served as an Annual Campaign fundraising event with participants coming from as far as Warrenton, South Carolina to participate.

The branch also hosted the first MLB Pitch, Hit & Run event during the summer with over 25 children participating in this MLB grant-funded event.

The branch also continued its partnership for the third year with Windsor Spring Elementary School offering its PrimeTime after-school program to 30 children.

Barnwell County Family YMCA

The Barnwell County Family YMCA celebrated an amazing first year in 2015. The doors opened for the first time in January of 2015, and they have been thankful for an amazing outpouring of support from the Barnwell and surrounding communities and celebrated over 1800 members by the end of the year. In 2015, they were able to introduce many new programs and events to the Barnwell community. Popular programs throughout the year included a Couch to 5K program and a summer outdoor family movie series. The year also saw multiple special events hosted at the branch, including a Halloween event and a very popular Christmas 5k Fun Run that had over 80 participants. The board of directors has grown and staff has become engrained in the community by serving on many Y committees that focus on improving the quality of life in Barnwell County.
FAMILY YMCA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
The Family YMCA Child Development Center, (CDC) capacity is at 120 children, but in 2015 we saw 360 different children, through various pre-k programs. Children ages 2 weeks old through Pre-K ages are welcomed in our state-licensed all day and summer camp programs. This growth allowed the CDC to open a new classroom in the facility for their toddler aged participants.

Plans were also finalized in 2015 to start a new program in partnership with the Greater Augusta Partnership for Literacy. This program, through community sponsors, will mail a free book each month to the home of each of our children enrolled in our Child Development Center.

DOWNTOWN AUGUSTA FAMILY YMCA
The Downtown Y has continued to impact the local community by growing their partnerships with Downtown businesses and families, with over 2,455 members in 2015. The Downtown location has been going through renovations in 2015 with new paint and furniture in the lobby, upgraded cardio equipment, new stair climbers, new treadmills, and fresh paint in the pool area. Branch updates will continue into 2016.

Downtown also added multiple new programs for all ages and fitness groups, including POUND Fitness, which is a fun filled hour involving weighted drumsticks. It’s also been an exciting year in expanding the Y’s great partnerships with local universities and colleges.

In the fall of 2015, the Downtown Y was honored to host the L.E.A.D. (Lead, Encourage, Advocate, Deliver) YMCA Group Exercise Expo. Over 100 YMCA group exercise instructors participated in strengthening our internal community.

MARSHALL FAMILY YMCA
Summer camp at the Marshall Family YMCA had a new location at Patriots Park in 2015 thanks to a great partnership with Columbia County Parks & Recreations. This new location allowed for the branch to serve even more youth from the Columbia County area. The Marshall Family Y is the only branch in the association that offers Lacrosse. In 2015, 80-90 kids ages 7-15 participated in the Marshall Family YMCA’s Parents Night Out program. The event was held twice a month, hosting over 35 kids during each session, while knowing their children are safe and having fun with the Y.

SUMMER CAMP IN PATRIOTS PARK
2015
NORTH AUGUSTA FAMILY YMCA

2015 was a year of growth in North Augusta. The Annual North Augusta Family YMCA Golf Tournament doubled in size in 2015 in both participation and monies raised for the Annual Campaign. The May tournament saw 17 teams come through Forest Hills Golf Club, with a net of $11,000.00 total for Annual Campaign funds. North Augusta’s summer camp had an exciting summer with serving over 100 more kids over the summer than prior years. They were able to impact 716 area youth through our summer programming in 2015.

NORTH JEFFERSON FAMILY YMCA

North Jefferson saw a growth in their senior programming over the past year through new classes and community support. Senior members have been helping build their own Y community by informing their friends how much they enjoy socializing and feeling healthier in their life while being active at the Y, thus drawing more members to the branch. North Jefferson currently hosts a monthly senior potluck that has become a huge success with over 25 seniors attending each month.

North Jefferson also added H.I.T.T. to their program offerings in 2015. This is an outdoor circuit, high intensity interval training that hosts over 30 people twice a week.

STEINER BRANCH FAMILY YMCA

Steiner Branch marked their first year of summer day camp in 2015 at Grovetown Elementary School. This camp averaged 50 children each week and allowed the branch to serve underserved youth in the Grovetown community. The Steiner Branch also hosted a Thanksgiving and Holiday camp for the first time at the branch and impacted 30 area youth during school holidays. The Marshall & Steiner Branch Family Y’s also partnered to transport youth to these camps to create easier access to our programming. Steiner was also excited to add Belly Dancing into their 2015 programming.

THOMSON FAMILY YMCA

The Thomson Family YMCA initiated a new social responsibility program at their branch called Togetherhood. Togetherhood is a nationwide YMCA program focused on social responsibility, inviting Y members to lead and participate in service projects in their community. During 2015, the Thomson branch held 10 different projects ranging from canned food and school supply collection drives to service projects.

The Y-130 Program Center moved into a new location closer to the Thomson branch, allowing for more program space and higher ceilings for our competitive gymnastics team. Summer camp at our new Program Center broke a record with campers in 2015, reaching 225 total campers during the largest week of camp.
WILSON FAMILY YMCA

The Wilson Family YMCA was committed to building strong families and a strong community through their programs and services in 2015. The past year, through collaboration with Cher’s Sister Only Club and 100 Black Women of Augusta, the Wilson Family YMCA began the “Finding Your Why” Teen Girls’ Empowerment Program and expanded the Summer Teen Leadership program that featured many of our community leaders, actors, former professional athletes and local doctors to share with the teens how being successful in the classroom was the foundation for success.

Our CrossFit box celebrated its 2nd year anniversary by adding an Outdoor Functional Fitness Area through a partnership with a local high school student as an Eagle Scout project.

The active older adults program was expanded with the additions of the ‘Mazing Grays competitive run/walk competitions and the very popular Pickleball game. Wilson Branch continues to combat the statistic that drownings are the 2nd leading cause of death for children, by participating in the YMCA of Greater Augusta’s SPLASH program in conjunction with other branches, which teaches all 2nd graders in Richmond Augusta’s basic water survival skills through our SPLASH program.

FAMILY YMCA PRIMETIME BEFORE/AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our Primetime Afterschool Program has been growing in the 2015-2016 school year, with over 910 students being served and impacted in a safe environment with S.T.E.M. Programming and homework help.

Primetime celebrated the opening of 3 new afterschool care sites in the 2015/2016 school year: Glenn Hills Elementary School, A. Dorothy Hains Elementary School and Garrett Elementary School.

Primetime partnered in 2015 with the Girl Scouts of America and the Gertrude Institute to help provide programming and after-school help. A partnership with the Jessye Norman School of Arts is planned for 2016 programming.

FAMILY YMCA HEAD START ACADEMY

Family YMCA of Greater Augusta was excited to welcome a new program into our family in the fall of 2015. Head Start is a comprehensive child development service to low-income children and families.

Head Start promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of enrolled children, through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and their families.

The Family Y operates 7 sites in South Carolina, and meets the needs of 476 children and their families through these sites.
Thank You to the Camp Lakeside Capital Donors

Grants help us continue to operate and expand our programs throughout our YMCA service area. We are excited to highlight a few of those outstanding organizations that helped us in 2015

Y-USA for contributing to our Camp Lakeside expansion

CarMax continues to support the Family Y through assistance with funding our SPLASH program, and healthy nutrition to our campers.

Publix Super Markets Charities for providing the shading structure to the Wilson Family YMCA Family Picnic Pavilion

Bridgestone for funding the outdoor pool bubble at our Aiken County Family YMCA

Kinder Morgan for providing the covered breezeway at the Aiken County Family YMCA outdoor pool bubble.

Thank you to these organizations that assisted us in meeting our 2015 Annual Campaign goal by their generous grant to the Family YMCA of Greater Augusta:

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- John Deere
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- Mary Allen Lindsey Branan Foundation
- Knox Foundation
- International Paper
Thank You to the Knox Foundation and all of the Thomson Capital Campaign Donors

THOMSON FAMILY YMCA

2015 CAPITAL PROJECTS
OUR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY
To make our programs and services affordable and accessible to all, the Family YMCA offers financial assistance to those in need. Applications are available at all Family YMCA locations.

OUR MISSION
The mission of the Family YMCA is to serve individuals and families in the CSRA through programs designed to build healthy spirit, mind and body, reflecting the values of the Judeo-Christian tradition while maintaining respect for all people.