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FAMILY YMCA OF LANCASTER
& FAIRFIELD COUNTY

NEWSLETTER

PARTNERSHIPS IN ACTION

the YMCA + THE FOUNDATION Dinners Serving the needy of Fairfield County

Lunchtime brought extra joy to our Creative Play Preschool classrooms this past Friday thanks to our friends at Foundation Dinners! Moving forward, Foundation Dinners will generously provide hot, wholesome lunches for our preschool students every Friday.

We extend our deepest gratitude to their team for partnering with us to nourish, support, and uplift the youngest members of our community.





EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Valerie Tripp, our November Employee of the Month!

Valerie works tirelessly to keep our gymnastics spaces spotless, safe, and ready for every athlete to thrive. Her dedication and mission-driven heart make an impact every single day—the RecPlex simply wouldn't be as strong without her.

Thank you, Valerie, for all you do for our Y family!



Valerie Tripp

MEMBER OF THE MONTH



Sandy Hanson

Congratulations to Sandy Hanson! A familiar, friendly face at RVC, Sandy stays active in our Parkinson's and Geri-Fit classes and competed in this year's Silver Olympics. She loves the Y for the uplifting camaraderie, great friendships, and strong sense of community. When she's not at the Y, Sandy enjoys reading and playing cards. Thank you for inspiring us all, Sandy!

THANK YOU:

United Way of Fairfield County



Celebrate the Season at the 32nd Annual Gift of Time!

Join us on Saturday, December 5, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Lancaster High School for a festive morning of family fun! Every child in attendance will receive a free photo with Santa, free books to take home, and their very own free DIY gingerbread house kit. Also, fun crafts for the family!

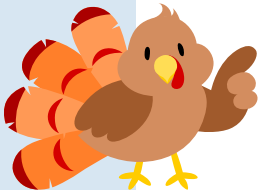
Admission is free, and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Scan the QR code or visit ymcalancaster.org to learn more!



No tricks, just treats (and a great workout)!

Margo and her Morning Splash class made quite a splash for Halloween last Friday! We love seeing our members bring so much fun and spirit to the pool!

JOIN US IN THE WATER NEXT SESSION!



THE GIVING WALL

Next time you visit the Robert K. Fox Family YMCA, check out the Giving Wall in our lobby!

Clearing this wall last year was a huge part of reaching our year-end campaign goal. Every card ($10 to $500) directly supports our neighbors—funding after-school snacks, summer camp spots, youth sports, and family memberships.

How it works:

- Pick a card off the wall.
- Bring it to the front desk to make your gift (cash, card, or check).
- Sign your name on the back so we can flip your card over!

The wall will be up through December. Stop by on your next visit and help us tear down the wall, one gift at a time!

PARTNERS IN ACTION, CONTINUED!

Our Before and After School Care programs at Fairfield Union and Bloom-Carroll recently put their hearts into giving back!

As part of a community service project, kids, families and staff rallied together to collect much-needed supplies and donations for the Fairfield Area Humane Society.

Seeing our youth take the lead in caring for animals in need is a wonderful reminder of the compassion thriving in our school programs every day.

Thank you to all the students, staff, and families who donated and helped make this project such a great success!



RECAP: 2nd Annual Boo! Fest!

What a spook-tacular success! A huge thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and partnered with us for this year's Boo Fest. It was fantastic to see so many families enjoying the event and showing off their incredible costumes. We are grateful for the community support that makes events like this possible and brings everyone together for a great time. We've gathered some of our favorite moments, enjoy the photos below!













FIND THE FULL GALLERY ON OUR FACEBOOK!

FALL 2 IS HERE!

Just a friendly reminder that our Fall 2 program session kicks off soon, running from November 10th through December 20th!

Spots are filling up fast, but we still have a few openings left in programs like our swim lessons and gymnastics classes. This is the perfect opportunity to keep your family active, learn a new skill, and have fun as we head into the winter.

Registration is now open to everyone, but don't wait—these last few spots won't last long! Secure your place today by visiting our website or stopping by the front desk.

Multiply Your Impact:

Fairfield County Foundation's 37-Hour Give is Coming Dec. 1–2!

Make your GivingTuesday donation go further this year! Starting Tuesday, December 1 at 8:00 a.m. through Wednesday, December 2 at 9:00 p.m., the Fairfield County Foundation is hosting its annual 37-Hour Give.

A total $100,000 matching pool—backed by the Foundation and the Lloyd F. & Diann L. Helber Fund—will be distributed proportionally based on donations received during the 37-hour window. Every dollar given secures a larger share of matching dollars for your chosen local fund or charity.

How to Participate: (Make sure to dedicate your donation to the Y!)

Online: Give at fairfieldcountyfoundation.org.

In Person: Deliver gifts directly to the Fairfield County Foundation office. (Please note: Donations must be made directly by outside donors; Facebook fundraisers are not eligible for matching funds.)

Contact the Foundation at 740-654-8451 with any questions.

SWIM TEAM!





Make a Splash with the Lancaster YMCA Swim Team!

Are you looking for a sport that builds confidence, character, and lifelong friendships? The Lancaster YMCA Swim Team (LYST) is looking for new swimmers to join our family!

If your child is ready to challenge themselves, stay active, and make lasting memories, we invite them to dive in with us. For more information on practice schedules and how to join, please contact: **Olivia at osmith@ymcalancaster.org**

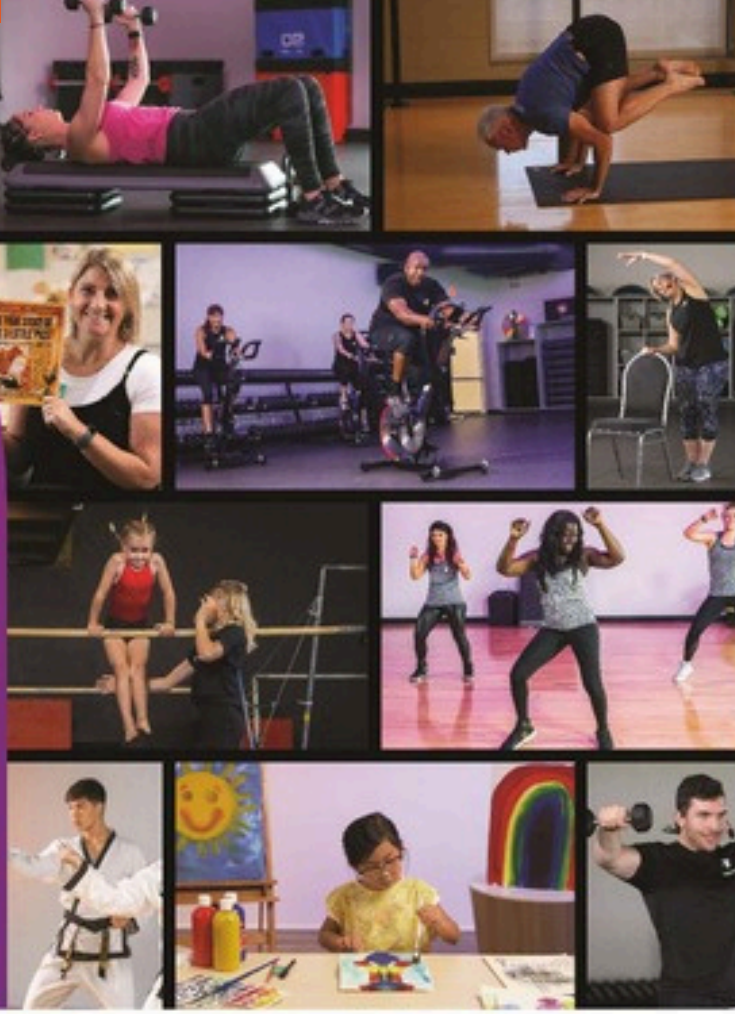
We can't wait to see you at the pool!



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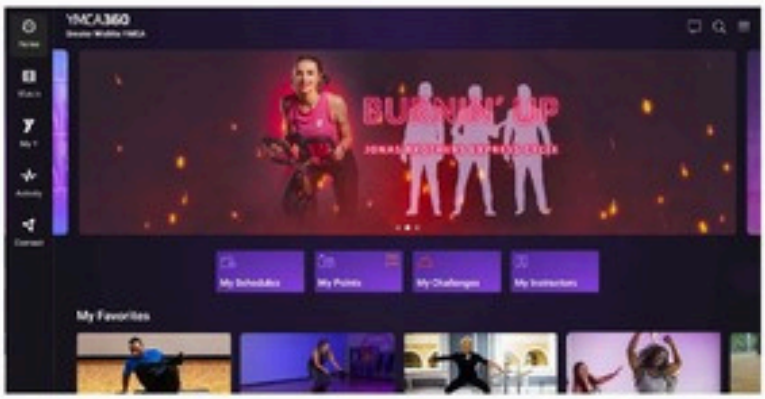
*Offering of features dependent on your YMCA.

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MONTHLY MESSAGE

November always has a way of reminding us to pause, look around, and appreciate the people who make this community feel like home.

Looking back at this past month, our YMCA was buzzing with that exact community spirit!

Between seeing so many smiling families in costume at our 2nd Annual Boo! Fest, watching our Before & After School kids fill carts with donations for the Fairfield Area Humane Society, and welcoming Foundation Dinners to serve hot Friday lunches to our preschoolers, October showed us what happens when our community shows up for each other.

As we head into the holiday season, there are so many easy ways to keep that momentum going.

Whether you choose a card off our lobby Giving Wall, support our mission during the Fairfield County Foundation's 37-Hour Give on December 1–2, or celebrate with us at the 32nd Annual Gift of Time on December 5th, your generosity makes a direct difference right here in Fairfield County.

Thank you for being part of our Y family and bringing so much heart to everything we do.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very happy Thanksgiving!



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