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Dear Name(s):

As lifelong residents of the Boothbay region, we never once thought of living anywhere else. **This area holds a special place in our hearts;** and we wanted our children Ella, an eighth grader at Boothbay Region Middle School, and Kayla, a fourth grader at Southport Central School, to have some of the same experiences we had as children growing up in this great community.

The Boothbay Region YMCA has played **an enormous role in our family's lives for over forty years.** Swimming lessons in the old Emery Pool as infants, after-school programs with Donnie Lewis and Neal Verge, and summers at Camp K with kickball, archery, canoeing and swimming, were integral to our childhoods. Now, our children are following in our footsteps. Both are active members of the Dolphin swim team. Kayla is active in Y-Arts as a member of the Junior Theater Festival (JTF), and both girls have attended Camp K and Theater Camp sessions over the years.

The Y continued to enrich our lives even despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Y came to the aid of our community by providing a safe, spacious vaccination site. At the same time, the Y continued to do everything possible to offer residents young and old many activities while keeping people safe and healthy. As other swim teams within the state halted their seasons, our Y stepped up to the plate and worked with the coaching staff to plan for a safe and successful season, with over forty swimmers signing up. The Y-Arts director spent countless hours revamping the 2020 Y-Arts Summer Camp to include many different classes, so the kids who love the arts still had a place to express themselves and find just a little bit of normalcy in their lives. The Y-Arts Junior Theater Festival team participated in a virtual event and once again brought home an "Excellence in Ensemble" award. For all of this, our family is grateful that we choose to call this community home and that we have such a great resource in our local Y.

Now it's time for everyone to come **Back Together!** We cannot think of a better theme for this year's Annual Fund drive to celebrate our successes and find the silver linings to what has been an unprecedented time in our lives. The YMCA needs our support as it moves forward with planned improvements to facilities and programs, projects derailed by COVID-19.

As a new member of the BRYMCA Board, I am learning the importance of the Annual Fund drive and how it **supports the short- and long-term goals of our Y.** Without the generosity and dedication of our community, we would not be so fortunate to have had the great YMCA experiences we all have had for so long.

As we come **Back Together,** please consider joining us in donating to this year's Annual Fund. Together as a community we can help our Y continue to do great things.

Thank you!

Robbie Ella Kayla Sara

Rob, Sara, Ella, and Kayla Watts

P.S. Our local Y is one of those organizations that has stepped up to the plate to support our community. **Let's come Back Together and show our support too!**



We are thrilled to support the Y that has not only been important to our family but has also impacted our community. We hope you will join us!