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To the Citizens of Saskatoon and Surrounding Area:

We, the Chief Executive Officer and the volunteer President of the Saskatoon YMCA, are writing to you today to let you know about the actions that the YMCA of Saskatoon is undertaking in the face of the Coronavirus, COVID 19. Our YMCA has been offering programs and services to our community for over 112 years in the areas of Child Care, Day Camps, Health & Fitness Programs, and Before & After School Programs. In the face of the current COVID-19 global pandemic, the YMCA, like many other organizations, has had to take extraordinary measures to ensure the safety and well-being of our members, participants, staff, volunteers, and community, including the closure of several YMCA programs/buildings. For more information on specific actions we have undertaken, please visit [ymcasaskatoon.org](http://ymcasaskatoon.org).

We are writing to let you know that the valued and valuable services that the YMCA provides to our community are still needed and are, in fact, in increasing demand, as citizens address their health and wellness, fitness, and emergency childcare needs at this time. Coming together as a local community to support one another has never been more important than it is today. We would like to thank each and every person who is thinking of supporting local charities in the midst of this crisis. Like others, we cannot do this alone. We need financial help to ensure that our critically important programs and services continue to be available and are available in a sustained way once this crisis is in our collective rear view mirror.

As the volunteer Board President, I am supporting the YMCA at this critical time by changing my regular membership fees to the Strong Kids charitable campaign. The Strong Kids initiative last year helped over 250 children were able to go to camp last summer alone because of YMCA assistance through the Strong Kids Campaign. Also, over 550 memberships were subsidized, 70 children participated in Before & After School programs and schools and community groups have had access to our facilities and programs.

If you would like to help the YMCA of Saskatoon, the best way to do so is to go to our online donation portal. This will ensure that your donation gets to where our YMCA needs it most. A tax receipt will be automatically generated and emailed to you. In times of crisis the YMCA steps up. We love our community and have set up several [online options](#) for fitness health and connection during this closure that you can access. When we re-open, we look forward to welcoming you back into our programs and services.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [Dean.Dodge@ymcasaskatoon.org](mailto:Dean.Dodge@ymcasaskatoon.org), [Serena.Dallas@ymcasaskatoon.org](mailto:Serena.Dallas@ymcasaskatoon.org) or myself [by clicking here](#).

For continuing updates on the COVID-19 situation in Saskatchewan visit the [Saskatchewan Health Authority](#)

For continued information on the YMCA of Saskatoon follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram by searching YMCA Saskatoon.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pauline M. Melis".

Pauline Melis, President, Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dodge".

Dean Dodge, CEO, Saskatoon YMCA

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