

# TOGETHER WE FOSTER STRONG KIDS & BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES

SOUTH SOUND YMCA | 2022 UPDATE

#### WHY THE Y?

The Y partners with school districts across the region to provide accessible before- and after-school programing – including licensed childcare and youth sports – for over 1,000 children daily. Programs are offered on-site at local schools and 1/3 of students receive financial assistance for programs.

#### WHY NOW?

The COVID-19 pandemic had a dramatic impact on children in our community. Access to educational opportunities decreased along with interactions with peers and adults that are critical to cognitive and emotional development. Hunger and isolation increased, programs and services closed, and historic inequities were brought into the light. All of these issues hurt children.



When you give to the Y, you choose to be part of this critical work. Your donation is an investment in our shared vision – you are part of something BIG! YOU are fostering STRONG KIDS and building STRONG COMMUNITIES!



## \$870,000

in financial assistance and free programming given to our community to foster STRENGTH in 2022

### 1 IN 3

people participating in the Y, including membership, childcare, and youth programs receive financial assistance

2,353

kids splashing their way to water safety in swim lessons and swim team 1,480

youth learning and growing in licensed childcare daily 290

kids exploring the world of arts, science, and tech through enrichment classes

117

young scholars gaining tools for success through the Y's summer school partnership with North Thurston School District 2,001

kids building confidence and relationships in youth sports programs

Our fundraising goal this year is

\$450,000

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