

LETTER FROM THE CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

What does the future of the Rock Island community look like to you?

As the Co-Chairs for the joint Two Rivers YMCA and Rock Island Public Library Capital Project, we believe our community's future holds great promise. Together, the YMCA and Library aim to raise the \$7.8 million necessary to acquire and fully modernize the current Tri-City Jewish Center in Rock Island for a shared facility. We are deeply passionate and optimistic about the future of our community and know this collaborative project will have extraordinary impact for generations to come.

The shared facility will focus on building the mind and body of every community member regardless of income, race, religion, or ability. The YMCA and Library will work together to address critical community needs including hunger and nutrition, social justice and equity, physical and mental wellness, and education and employment. Together we will ensure every person can achieve their full potential.

Through this unique collaboration the YMCA and Library will provide enhanced quality of life and exponential impact that would be impossible for each organization alone. The new facility will allow the YMCA to expand Nourish, a youth nutrition and meal program, and its Income-Based Membership program. The facility will also ensure critical library services remain accessible in central Rock Island and fulfill the Library's purpose of connecting people to resources, services, events, and each other.

The resources this project will make available will not only be invaluable during times of national or community crisis but ensure a consistent support system during times of family or personal crisis. The COVID-19 global pandemic is amplifying the disparities in life outcomes that marginalized communities face, including in the Rock Island community. Now, more than ever, we need creative solutions and strong collaborations that provide the largest impact and most positive future for all.

Join us as we look to make real, lasting change in the Quad Cities Community – *Building Healthy Minds and Bodies, Together.*

Sincerely,



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