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FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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Help Others.**



**15** The Mansfield Area Y **YEARS**  
1867-2017



Today, in its 150<sup>th</sup> year with 10,000 members and hundreds of others in specialized programs, the Mansfield Area Y is among the oldest, continuously-running organizations in Ohio. Founded in 1867, the Y improves lives and communities by focusing on youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

With its capital building debt recently retired, the Y is focusing 2017 on building improvements and additional programming. The special 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary projects include gymnasium and parking lot renovations, a new water splash pad park, and the creation of programs to aid those recovering from cancer and other chronic illnesses. The total cost of these renovations and programs is \$900,000.

### Splash Pad Park

For many years, the Y has helped the City of Mansfield operate its public swimming pools in order to keep the pools open for families during the summer. However, in 2016, only Liberty Pool remained open. And while the city would like to provide a summer “water” alternative in the form of a splash pad park similar to what other communities have, it is not financially possible for the city.

So, the Y is stepping up to create an outdoor splash pad in a park setting with a small pavilion, benches, and trees. The splash pad will be open to the public and located on the south side of the Y’s Scholl Road property.

Planned for the Y campus due to the accessibility of restroom facilities, staffing, and operational systems, the Y hopes to build the large splash pad with creature features and surface sprays certain to draw a crowd on a hot summer day, maximizing play for children of all abilities.

**YOUR GIFT IN SUPPORT OF THIS GOAL IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE BELIEVE THE Y AND ITS 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PROJECTS WILL IMPACT MORE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY THAN ANY OTHER.**



**THE MANSFIELD AREA Y IS OBSERVING ITS 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR. BE PART OF THE CELEBRATION, AND HELP US FUND THESE SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY.**

**A DONATION CARD IS ENCLOSED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.**

### **Parking Lot Paving Project**

The traffic of 1,500 people in and out of the Mansfield Y each day has taken its toll on the 254-spot, 17-year-old parking lot. For many years, the Y has put the parking lot paving project on its budget agenda, only to move it down the list for more pressing issues.

### **Gymnasium Renovation**

The Mansfield Area Y utilizes its gymnasium for sports and other programs. As a matter of fact, the Y's LiveSTRONG at the YMCA® program for cancer survivors held its recent graduation program there, though poor acoustics made hearing the presentation a challenge. Of a more urgent nature is the poor condition of the gym floor, which has only been refinished a few times since the building was opened in 2000.

### **LiveSTRONG at the YMCA®**

The nationally-recognized LiveSTRONG at the YMCA® program and its affiliated program for children gives cancer survivors a place to strengthen their bodies and mental wellbeing. Through a specialized 12-week program, the Y's rapidly growing program has given 70 cancer survivors a new lease on life, with participants increasing their physical function by 49 percent, decreasing depression by 52 percent, and decreasing fatigue by 55 percent. It's no wonder that a waiting list exists for the series of programs for 2017.

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