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October 11, 2016

Dear Winston Lake Family YMCA Member:

I am writing to provide an update on the future of the Winston Lake Family YMCA. As you are aware, we have been working for many years to make the Y more sustainable. Annually, the Association subsidizes the Winston Lake Y \$300,000-\$400,000 to cover the operating deficit. With a decline in membership revenue Association wide in 2015 and increased facility repair needs for the Winston Lake Y, the Association could no longer cover the shortfall Winston Lake has had for many years. We held two member meetings last April to share the status of the Y and outline changes taking place, which included reducing hours of operation, moving leadership staff to other branches, and potentially closing the pool. Members who attended encouraged the Y to explore a potential partnership with the City of Winston-Salem.

Based on that suggestion, we began meeting with the representatives from the City including Winston-Salem City Council Member Derwin Montgomery, and more recently, Assistant City Manager Derwick Paige.

We are very excited to share a partnership the City proposed. The City of Winston-Salem would like to buy the Winston Lake Family YMCA for one dollar and turn it into the **Mo Lucas Senior Inclusive Recreation Center**. This will allow the City to consolidate programming and staff to better serve the senior and special needs populations of our community. They would also take over all maintenance and repair needs of the facility.

The Y will continue to serve the East Winston community as the City would lease back 8,300 square feet of the facility to the Y for one dollar a year. This space would continue to be the Winston Lake Y and would include a fully renovated Wellness Center with new strength equipment a group exercise room and upgraded locker rooms with sauna, steam room and whirlpool. We are still finalizing what member access to the pool and gym will look like, but are hopeful we will be able to utilize those spaces during specific times of day when it is not otherwise occupied. Similar partnerships between municipalities and YMCAs across the country have been very successful and we believe this one will be as well. The Y will continue to provide programs including Black and Latino Achievers programs in local schools and other community outreach.

The YMCA of Northwest North Carolina Association Board of Directors voted unanimously to accept the proposal at our September meeting. This partnership was presented to the City Finance Committee on

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Monday, October 10 and will be taken to the City Council at their November 7 meeting. We will provide more information as next steps are finalized, but the transition would take place in the second quarter of 2017.

This partnership represents the best possible solution for Y members and the community. This will allow the Y to remain open and serving East Winston, while also bringing additional services to the community. We are grateful to the City and Council Member Montgomery for their vision and commitment to helping our community grow stronger through this partnership.

As Y members, you have access to all YMCAs in North Carolina and Virginia, as well as the Gateway YWCA in Winston-Salem through membership reciprocity. Details are available at ymcanwnc.org/myYiseveryY. SilverSneakers members are able to visit any facility in Northwest North Carolina and the YWCA as well.

The Winston Lake Family YMCA remains an integral part of our Association. This new partnership will allow it to become financially sustainable and continue to fulfill our mission of, "Helping people reach their God-given potential in spirit, mind and body."

Thank you for your continued support of the Y.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Hazelbaker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Curt" being particularly prominent.

Sincerely,
Curt Hazelbaker
President and Chief Executive Officer
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