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**To:**

**Subject: Good News from the Y**

Good Morning, Incredible Board Members & Committed Y Staff!

As our YMCAs closed this week I had a pit in my stomach about how we would be able to show up for our community, engage our displaced members and raise resources to support all who need the Y.

Within a few hours of closing, we started to receive donations like this (copied and pasted from online transactions)...

Donation Amount: \$100.00

Comment: You are a superb organization. My 23 year membership has been more than worth it. Keep your spirits up, and thank you.

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Comment: We are missing our daily work outs but grateful that you are doing your best to pay employees and keep them safe during this time.

In all honesty, I teared up on the first one we received. People believe in the Y and despite the circumstances still want to support. In fact, I have to give a shout out to our Magdalena Ecke Family YMCA (Lauren Hall & team), who raised over \$120,000 just this past week talking to previous donors, members and community members.

There is a great C.S. Lewis quote... **"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."**

Whether you started making your asks weeks ago or you start today, we all have the opportunity to ensure our ending is providing the resources to the families we serve here in San Diego County. Now more than ever, our community needs us.

Thanks for being dedicated leaders to our YMCA! We can do this!

Your #2 Cheerleader (because Margie is #1),  
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