



# BUILDING COMMUNITY | \$4.5M RAISED

**Our facility is reaching its limits.** At the Athens YMCA, our mission is to serve—at the highest level. The Building Community campaign is a transformative effort that will enhance our services for members, program participants, and community partners while reimagining our space to better serve everyone who walks through our doors.

Together, we'll grow physically, mentally, and spiritually. Let's build something special together!

## REACH & RENEW | \$9.3M

**REACH: FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT** – Create a dedicated Youth Wing to expand our services to support over 4,000+ children and teens and eliminate our 400 child waiting list.

- 1. Enrichment Classrooms:** Dedicated spaces for literacy programs, STEAM learning, computer labs, and multipurpose activities that foster growth and creativity.
- 2. Safe & Multipurpose Areas:** Spaces designed for kids to connect, play, and build friendships in a welcoming environment.
- 3. Teen Hub & Career Readiness Space:** An interactive space where teens can study, connect, learn, and prepare for the future.
- 4. Secured Youth-Only Entrance & Exit:** A safer, more efficient drop-off and pick-up system.
- 5. Updated Boys' & Girls' Locker Rooms:** New lockers, benches, changing stalls, and enhanced security features to provide a comfortable and safe space for all youth participants.

**RENEW: FOR WELLNESS** – Enhance wellness offerings, ensuring that every member—regardless of age or ability—has the resources they need to thrive.

- 1. Wellness Rooms for Seniors:** Spaces designed to support appropriate wellness classes, social engagement, balance and stability programs, and overall well-being.
- 2. Inclusive Spaces for Special Needs:** Adaptive areas to ensure individuals of all abilities can participate in all of our activities.
- 3. Expansion of the Child Watch Center:** A space designed for young children to learn and play while their parent(s) participate in health and wellness activities.
- 4. Community & Training Rooms:** Flexible spaces for educational workshops, field trip program, leadership development, and department training.
- 5. Expanded Wellness Center:** A larger, more dynamic center to accommodate the growing needs of our members.
- 6. Functional Fitness Options:** Versatile workout areas with equipment designed to support strength, mobility, and overall functional movement.
- 7. Enhanced Teen Fitness Program:** A dedicated space for our teen fitness program, serving students in grades 6–8 throughout the school year.

# DREAM LIST | \$2.1 M

This renovation creates an environment that is designed to meet the needs of every individual who walks through our doors. It's about ensuring that our members feel comfortable, supported, and valued in every area of the facility.

## THE "DREAM LIST" INCLUDES:



**Family and Special Needs Restrooms:** These restrooms provide a safe, private, and convenient space for parents with young children, individuals with disabilities, and those who need caregiver assistance.



**Updated Adult Locker Rooms:** Our adult locker rooms are one of the most frequently used spaces in the Athens YMCA. Renovating them will provide a safer, more functional, and welcoming environment—offering modern amenities and improved accessibility.



**Office and Classroom space for Chronic Disease Prevention Programs:** Expanding our classroom space will allow us to grow our partnership with Piedmont Athens Regional and better serve both individuals and families working to prevent or manage chronic health conditions.



**Administrative Center:** A functional administrative center—complete with essential office space and an IT room—will ensure our staff can efficiently manage operations, support members, and sustain the programs that make a difference in so many lives.



**Outdoor Education Spaces:** These new spaces, located near the youth wing and nestled within the wooded areas around the Y, will give kids the opportunity to connect with nature. Research shows that exposure to natural environments can boost academic performance, creativity, and overall well-being, providing a valuable resource for both learning and personal growth.



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