THE Y IS SO MUCH MORE THAN A GYM. IT’S A CAUSE, DEDICATED TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. FROM EXERCISE TO EDUCATION, FROM VOLLEYBALL TO VOLUNTEERISM, FROM PRESCHOOL TO PREVENTATIVE HEALTH, THE Y DOESN’T JUST STRENGTHEN OUR BODIES. IT STRENGTHENS OUR COMMUNITY.
Dear Members, Volunteers, Donors, and Friends:

More than a place to swim, more than just a gym, the YMCA of Metro North is a cause transforming lives and strengthening the communities we serve. Every day thousands of people walk through the doors of our branches and childcare centers. While each may come to the YMCA with their own unique needs and goals, our goal for serving them is the same. We want every person who comes to the YMCA to feel that they are better for the experience.

The YMCA of Metro North lives our cause by investing in our facilities, our staff, and our members to better fulfill the Y’s mission for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. This past year, we opened a new, state-of-the-art Gymnastics Center, renovated our beloved Saugus Family YMCA branch, launched the LIVESTRONG program and developed new partnerships and programs to meet the social, physical and emotional needs of the more than 63,000 people who depend on our YMCAs every day.

Thanks to your generosity and support of the YMCA of Metro North Annual Fund, we were able to provide more than $1,000,000 in scholarships and financial assistance to over 3,682 children, families and seniors in 2014.

We could never share all of the transformational stories that have taken place at the YMCA of Metro North in the last year, or all of the innovative programs that were implemented to raise the bar on the YMCA membership experience. We would like to share just a few stories that exemplify how the Y is so much more to the communities we serve than just a place to work out.

Whether you have volunteered at a community event, registered your child for Y preschool, participated in a fitness class or donated financially to our cause, I want to thank you. You have helped make the YMCA of Metro North a place where people can overcome obstacles and receive the guidance and support they need to live a healthy, happy life.

We are proud to be a part of the YMCA of Metro North and look forward to leading our organization to be even more in the coming year.

Thank you for choosing the Y and supporting our cause.

Sincerely,

Bruce Macdonald
Chief Executive Officer

John Smolinsky
Chairman of the Board
YMCA of Metro North Community Impact

People Served ..................................................................................................................................63,000
Youth in YMCA child care .............................................................................................................. 1,273
Communities served ................................................. Peabody, Lynn, Saugus, Melrose, Stoneham,
                                         Lynnfield, Revere and Nahant
Full and part time employees ........................................................................................................700+

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AT THE YMCA OF METRO NORTH
GIVING EVERYONE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN, GROW AND THRIVE

Children and Teens (1 – 17)
The YMCA of Metro North serves over 20,000 kids and teens, providing a wide range of activities to nurture potential, including teen clubs, sports leagues, family nights and community service projects.

Low-Income Families
Our YMCA provides quality, affordable childcare and opens all our programs to working families regardless of their income level.

Seniors (65+)
Programs including aquatics, senior fitness & walking clubs ensure that older adults have every opportunity to connect with one another and engage in meaningful activities.

Everyone is Welcome
We provide activities open to everyone in our community including free health fairs/screenings, physical activity programs, nutrition advice and more – valued at $28,000 in benefit to the community each year.

Other Nonprofit Organizations
YMCA of Metro North provided $203,500 worth of space at little to no charge for outside clubs, nonprofits and community service organizations to help them meet broader community needs.
FINANCIALS
FOR FISCAL ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014
Unaudited

REVENUE & SUPPORT

- Membership: $5,415,933
- Child Care: $7,046,004
- Program Fees: $3,316,323
- Contributed Revenue: $726,762
- Other: $155,838
- Investment Income: $34,013

Total Revenue & Support: $16,694,873

EXPENSES

- Youth Development: $6,173,020
- Healthy Living: $7,293,059
- Social Responsibility: $917,599
  - Total Programs: $14,383,678
- Management: $1,587,869
- Fundraising: $278,224

Total Expenses: $16,249,771
YMCA of Metro North aquatics programs empowered 17 year-old Robinson Arias to change the outcome of a stranger’s life. Robinson was looking to gain some work skills and planning for a summer job when he learned about a DCR lifeguard training program offered at no cost to members at the Lynn YMCA. He signed up, completed his many hours of training, received his certification and landed his dream summer job working at Nahant Beach as a lifeguard. He felt accomplished and prepared for his new job, but he could never have known that the training he received at the YMCA would change his life, and the life of a stranger, forever.

As he patrolled the beach one day, he spotted a woman out in the distance with her head above water but not moving. As part of his YMCA training, he learned to be on the lookout for situations just like this. Something did not feel right to him and he locked eyes with the swimmer and waved. She gave him a sign that she was in trouble.

When we invest in our youth, we strengthen our community and ensure a bright future for all of us. YMCA programs are designed to help young people thrive academically, socially and physically. YMCA staff and camp counselors strive to bring out the best in every child.
He raced to the water using his radio to notify his supervisor that a save was in progress. Keeping eye contact with the swimmer, he swam as quickly as he could to the struggling woman. Once he reached her, he calmly reassured her, telling her that he was there to help. He brought the woman back to shore where she received further care and was evaluated by EMTs.

“She thanked me a thousand times and told me that if I didn’t get there when I did, she would have drowned. She said she just couldn’t hold herself up any longer,” says Robinson. Looking back on that day and how professionally he responded, Robinson realized his response felt like second nature because he had practiced for a situation like this so many times at the YMCA.

“The Y has influenced my life in such a positive way. I had the opportunity to learn a skill, obtain a job and use my skills to save a life. I believe my Y training is the sole reason I was able to respond the way I did that day.”

~ Robinson Arias
As a 20-plus-year employee at the Melrose Family YMCA, Lori Navarro was often the person who opened the Y for the day. She was the first person many members saw and spoke to and she made them feel at home. A strong advocate for the YMCA, she put her full heart and energy into everything she did, whether she was caring for children in the babysitting room, working in membership, or greeting people as she supervised the Welcome Center.

She truly lived the Y cause and cared deeply about making the Y the best it could be. She would take the time to just sit and talk with a member who needed a friendly ear. Lori understood that some days people need more than a great spin class from the Y to feel good. To Lori, the Y means family, and family is always there to lift each other up.

“At its core, my YMCA is a family,” says Lori. “When you see someone who might need a hand, you respond.”

YMCA programs encourage people of all ages and fitness levels to live better, healthier and more active lives. In addition to traditional fitness programs, the Y offers educational programs to promote healthier decisions, and offers a variety of programs that support physical, intellectual and emotional strength.
Lori Navarro at the Melrose YMCA with Nick Fitzgerald (Aquatics Director), Stephen LeBlanc (Facilities), and Katelyn Doherty (Branch Executive Director)
Single mom Meredith Amaru works hard to provide for her three-year-old daughter Zayla, putting Zayla’s needs before her own. When the time came to enroll Zayla in preschool, she worried about finding a quality program that she could afford.

After researching and touring countless preschool programs, she hadn’t found a place that felt like a good fit for Zayla. Some were just not financially feasible for her and others did not offer hours that could accommodate her work schedule. She wanted to find a preschool where she could feel completely comfortable entrusting her daughter to the staff.

A family member told her about the Saugus YMCA and she learned the Y was just down the street from her job. She checked out reviews for the Y and researched the preschool’s accreditation and was delighted to find out the Y met all their needs. The moment she walked in for her tour, Meredith knew this was the place for her daughter.

The YMCA will never turn someone away due to an inability to pay. Last year the YMCA of Metro North Annual Fund provided more than $1,000,000 in scholarships and financial assistance to children, families and seniors in need.
“Zayla and I fell in love with the Y from the first classroom we entered,” says Meredith. “Every child was happy, engaged and comfortable. The teachers had big smiles and were having fun with the kids. I enrolled her instantly!”

Zayla thrived at the Saugus YMCA. She quickly adapted to her new class and Meredith saw positive changes in Zayla’s attitude and behavior. There was less acting out and more enthusiasm to share the details of her day at school. Zayla looked forward to school and seeing her friends and teachers.

While Zayla was very happy at the YMCA, paying for the program was an increasing strain on Meredith. “At the time things at my job were horribly slow,” she says. “I was rubbing nickels together just to feed us after the bills and necessities were paid. It was a very stressful time.”

The staff at the Y encouraged Meredith to apply for financial assistance through the ACCESS program. Money raised through the YMCA of Metro North Annual Fund is used to provide ACCESS scholarships and financial assistance to families in need, like Meredith and her daughter. Meredith was nervous she would not be approved, but two days after applying she got the good news that she was eligible.

“I literally cried in relief when I got the news,” she says. “In addition to my financial nightmare ending, for once in my parenting life, I felt that I actually had people who cared on my side.”

The Y continues to be a source of comfort and support for Zayla and Meredith. Last Christmas, the staff put together a little gift bag with some of Zayla’s favorite things, donated to help make the holidays a little brighter.

“I don’t know where Zayla and I would be, if it wasn’t for the love, care and opportunity at the YMCA,” says Meredith. “The Y has helped us in so many ways, I truly feel that that Y staff are part of our family.”

~ Meredith Amaru

YMCA CHILDCARE PROGRAMS ARE SO MUCH MORE...

Meredith and Zayla at the Saugus YMCA
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$25,000 and Above
Kelly Automotive Group
North Shore Medical Center
Partners HealthCare

$10,000 - $24,999
Boston Celtics
Deborah Thomas Scholarship Fund
Department of Public Health
Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation
Essex County Community Foundation
United Way

$5,000 - $9,999
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North Shore Workforce Investment Board
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Two State
United Way of Mass Bay
Richard Whitworth

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Kappa Delta Psi
Richard Larkin
Longer’s Jewelers
McCue Corporation
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Metro Clean
Music and Youth Initiative, Inc.
North Shore Bank
Northern Bank & Trust
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The Agnes M. Lindsay Trust
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Building Impact, Inc.
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Saugus YMCA Preschool
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The Hanover Insurance Group Foundation
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Jacqueline Torigan
Walmart Foundation

TOGETHER WE ARE MORE

Charles and Victoria Whipple
Whole Foods Melrose
YMCA of North North Burnham Gymnastics Team
YMCA of the USA

$500 - $999
Crystal Bates
Boston Children’s at Peabody
Citizens Bank Charitable Foundation
City of Lynn
Classic Faces Day Spa
Cooper Brothers Paving
Douglas Currier
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Robert Fleming
Tyler Fleming
Catherine Flynn
Fort William Henry Hotel & Conference Center
General Electric
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Peter Harmingel
Healey Bus
Robert Hughes
Joseph Ingemi
Crispy Jache
LisaBeth LaFontaine
Liberty Mutual
Lynn Housing Authority
Patrick McGeady
Maureen McGirr
Candice Morgan
Raffaele Construction
John Richards
Salem Five Charitable Corporation
Saugus Business Partnership
Robert Schneider
Stay Well
Trust
United Way of Coastal Fairfield County
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Paul Clarke
Coffee Tea & Me
Jennifer Conway
Amy Croce
Carrie Cross
Paul Crowley
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Rotary Club of Lynn
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Crown Trophy
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With a focus on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, Y volunteers give men, women and children of all ages and from all walks of life the resources and support they need to be healthy, confident, connected and secure.

Our volunteers are a big part of what makes the Y such an impactful organization. Without the hard work and dedication of our hundreds of volunteers, the success of our special events and other programs throughout the year would not be possible. A special thank you to all of our amazing volunteers!

**Volunteers**

**Help us do so much more**

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**Number of volunteers:** 372  
**Total volunteer time:** 2,232 hours  
**Total value of volunteer time:** $49,420
A Summer of Fun, A Lifetime of Memories
More than 1700 Y campers across Metro North shared a summer building confidence, learning life-skills, developing new friendships and making memories that will last a lifetime. The YMCA of Metro North provided over $150,000 in camp scholarships to make a life-changing camp experience accessible to all.
Vice President Biden Visits The Lynn YMCA

The Lynn YMCA served as host to Vice President Joe Biden for the city’s first vice presidential visit in 30 years. The Vice President came to Lynn to attend a rally for Congressman Seth Moulton and Y staffers worked around the clock to make sure every detail of his visit was taken care of. Working with the secret service, local police and elected officials, the Y proved a great host for the VP.

Community Milestones

The Melrose Family YMCA celebrated 120 years of service to the community and the Melrose and Stoneham Childcare Centers each marked their 15-year anniversary. Longtime staff and members came together to celebrate with special events and activities.

Amanda Mena Takes Center Stage

Lynn YMCA Music Studio Clubhouse veteran Amanda Mena showcased her considerable musical gifts on the Telemundo TV show “La Voz Kids”, a Spanish language version of The Voice for kids. Combining her own natural talent with the skills she honed at the Lynn YMCA, Amanda went on to win the competition. Amanda came home to celebrate her victory with a special performance at the Lynn YMCA.

LIVESTRONG AT THE YMCA

The Torigian YMCA was selected as one of 12 Ys nationally to pilot the 12-week LIVESTRONG at the YMCA cancer recovery and wellness program. LIVESTRONG at the YMCA empowers adult cancer survivors to take an active role in their recovery. LIVESTRONG at the YMCA is provided at no cost to the participants and the Torigian Family YMCA received a $10,000 grant from Lahey Health to continue the LIVESTRONG program in 2015.

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Road Race Series: For the first time ever, the YMCA of Metro North offered a four-part road race series in 2014. More than 1,000 local runners laced up and joined in the fun running for our cause and getting healthier at the same time. The series included the Lynn Stride Along the Tide 5k, the Torigian Family YMCA Dash and Splash 5k, the Melrose Spooky Sprint 5k and the Stride for the Saugus Y 5k.

Bright Future Auction and Gala
Nearly 200 Y friends, members and staff came together to support the YMCA of Metro North Annual Fund at the Bright Futures Auction and Gala in November. The gala was held at the Salem Country Club, and included a silent and live auction. Attendees heard firsthand from some of the people who have benefitted from Annual Fund scholarships and free programming. Thanks to the hard work of the event committee and the generosity of the sponsors and attendees, more than $80,000 was raised for the Annual Fund.
2014 HIGHLIGHTS

Rediscover Saugus
The Saugus YMCA held hosted a weekend-long grand re-opening to celebrate the completion of more than $200,000 worth of renovations and upgrades to the facility. The improvements include an updated Fitness Center featuring new cardio equipment, new free weights and Life Fitness Signature Series strength equipment, and a brand new Child Watch Room. As part of the celebration, the Saugus Y hosted events and family activities throughout the weekend, including the Stride for the Saugus Y 5K.

Gymnastics Center Raises the Bar for Y Programs
The new YMCA of Metro North Gymnastics Center opened at the Saugus Family YMCA. The state-of-the-art 12,000 square-foot building became the permanent home for the Y’s popular gymnastics program and summer camp. The new center accommodates all levels of gymnasts from beginners to competitive teams.
LEADING OUR CAUSE

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WHO WE ARE
THE YMCA OF METRO NORTH IS SO MUCH MORE...

Our Mission
The YMCA of Metro North builds strong kids, strong families and strong communities by enriching the lives of all people in spirit, mind and body.

Our Vision
The YMCA of Metro North, formally the Greater Lynn YMCA, is one of the oldest YMCA’s in the country. Since 1870, the Y, as a charitable community based organization with a commitment to service, utilizes its staff, volunteers and facilities to strengthen individuals, families and our community by providing quality social, recreational and educational experience while promoting honesty, respect, caring and responsibility to all members of our community.

Our History
Serving the communities of Lynn, Peabody, Saugus, Melrose, Stoneham, Revere, Nahant, Lynnfield and neighboring towns, the Y of Metro North, focuses on programs which strengthen the foundations of community, enhance youth development, promote healthy living and foster a sense of social responsibility.

The YMCA of Metro North encompasses five different branch locations in four communities (Peabody, Lynn, Melrose and Saugus) as well as two additional NAEYC accredited child care facilities in Melrose and Stoneham. While there are common threads that unite all branch operations of the Y of Metro North, each program site is unique and offers programs and services that respond to their individual community needs and interests.