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Reporting Period	
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Mission Advancement Director
Title
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Date



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December 16, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

Childcare is critical to a strong workforce and a thriving local economy. But it is equally as critical to the development of our children. From birth to age five, a child's brain grows and develops more than at any other time. Quality childcare experiences bolster healthy cognitive, social-emotional, and physical development – preparing a child for success in kindergarten and beyond. Across Pickens County, the demand for childcare for our youngest learners far exceeds the supply. The problem only intensifies when you add the factors of affordability and quality.

Thanks to the support of the State of South Carolina, the YMCA is actively building the Brotherton Family Child Development & Training Center (CDTC) to address this pressing community need. When completed, the Brotherton CDTC will be a 15,000 square foot complex dedicated to providing new early learning services and high-quality childcare for families in and around Easley serving infants through 5-year-olds.

The vision for the YMCA's CDTC is much more than a childcare center. As a vital change agent for the entire community, there are 3 primary goals once we are in operation:

- Provide a high-quality education within a Christian worldview that socially develops, emotionally prepares and academically equips children for kindergarten.
- Provide training and support for Grandfamilies and Kinship Caregivers in the Pickens County community as well as parents of CDTC students.
- Provide support and community for expecting and newborn mothers throughout the journey of pregnancy and the first year of the child's life.

The Brotherton CDTC is scheduled to complete renovations and welcome families in the fall of 2025, providing childcare for over 160 children. Consistent with its mission, the YMCA will provide financial assistance for families in need, ensuring that everyone has access to quality childcare, regardless of their financial circumstances.

As an additional benefit to the community, the YMCA has partnered with Pickens County Meals on Wheels to operate a senior center in the same building as the Brotherton CDTC, creating the first intergenerational shared site in Pickens County and the only senior center in the Easley area.

The new facility will enable the Y to develop state-of-the-art programming in a purpose-built environment that provides a better life for our children (with added benefits for both children and seniors through intergenerational programming). We are extremely grateful for the funding

we have received from community members, the City of Easley, Pickens County, and the State of South Carolina which totaled more than \$4mil to make the Brotherton Family Child Development & Training Center a reality.

On behalf of everyone at the YMCA of Easley, Pickens and Powdersville, thank you for your support.

Grace and Peace,



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