

YMCA of Central Texas Reaches Fundraising Goal for Brazos Valley Location



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COLLEGE STATION, TX (November 3, 2025) — The YMCA of Central Texas today announced that \$600,000 in funding has been secured to bring a new location to the Brazos Valley region. Following community support during Brazos Valley Gives 2025, the Brazos Valley Founders Committee officially raised \$300,000, which was matched by the YMCA of Central Texas, the governing association.

The successful fundraising campaign addresses a critical need in the community for additional youth programming and additional recreation facilities. Through the generosity of donors and community members, the YMCA of Central Texas achieved this significant milestone for local leaders and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to make this vision a reality. This new YMCA era will bring essential programs and services to the region, with funds supporting the facility's development, initial programming, and staff hiring.

“This is a remarkable accomplishment driven by the passion and hard work of our local volunteers,” said Jeff Andresen, President and CEO of the YMCA of Central Texas. “The Founders, a group of dedicated community leaders, have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to this project. Their fundraising efforts, combined with the support of generous donors, have ensured that we can move forward in making the YMCA a reality for Brazos Valley residents.”

The YMCA's expansion into Brazos Valley comes in response to discussions among College Station city officials highlighting the need for additional indoor recreation facilities and a year of dedicated fundraising by a group of 11 Bryan-College Station area leaders, called the Founders, led by Karl Mooney, former College Station mayor and Founders chairman.

The YMCA of Central has already begun establishing its presence in the region, having hired Extension Director Mike Collins over the summer and providing a preview of youth programming during a modified summer camp. The new YMCA will gradually offer 11 weeks of summer camp and other community programs like archery and holiday camps.

“The city has been exploring various options for expanding recreation spaces, and we are eager to work together to identify the best way to complement and enhance the services available to Brazos Valley residents,” said Andresen. “Our goal remains the same: to fill gaps in community resources and provide a welcoming space where individuals and families can thrive.”

With funding secured, the YMCA of Central Texas is hosting several community initiatives and events to build momentum and engage local families, including the recent Community Carnival and the upcoming **Thanksgiving Break Camp** being held at Fellowship Church **November 24-26, 2025**.

As the project progresses, the YMCA remains committed to fostering youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility across the Brazos Valley. The YMCA’s Strong Kids campaign continues efforts to provide financial assistance to those who would otherwise not be able to afford it independently. Companies and individuals interested in supporting can contact Chief Development Officer Theresa Cirigliano at tcirigliano@ymcactx.org.

For additional information on YMCA of the Brazos Valley initiatives, please visit ymcactx.org/locations/brazos-valley/.

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About YMCA of Central Texas

[The YMCA of Central Texas](#) is for youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. With locations in Burnet, Cedar Park, Georgetown, Hutto, Round Rock, and Waco, the YMCA of Central Texas focuses on sharing our core values of caring, honesty, respect, responsibility, and faith. The mission of the YMCA is based on Christian principles shared by all faiths and practiced each day in Y’s across the United States of America and 130 countries around the world.

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