

## **How Communities Benefit From Having a YMCA**

- The YMCA is a community-based not-for-profit 501(c) 3 with State of Illinois addressing community needs.
- The YMCA does not require tax support or referendums to build or operate the facilities like a park district or park department.
- Only those who use the YMCA will pay for services.
- The YMCA focuses on the health, wellness and the development of character in youth, families and adults of all ages.
- The YMCA collaborates with community agencies including schools, churches, senior centers, hospitals, park districts and municipalities.
- The YMCA provides scholarships and subsidy to those who cannot afford to pay regular fees.
- The YMCA improves the “quality of life” and assets in the surrounding communities.
- The YMCA enhances the image and property values of the community.
- The YMCA serves Forest Park, Oak Park, River Forest, Maywood, Melrose Park and surrounding communities.

