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Dear Y Members,

It has been quite a year in motion and I am sure that it will continue to be the case in the following months. Here at the Y, we are working diligently to keep up our momentum in following our stringent sanitation processes while continuing to practice flexibility with changes in state orders and best practices. By no means are we back to normal at the Y, but it is so good to hear the familiar sounds of basketballs dribbling, weights clanking and campers singing. With all of the uncertainty and chaos in the world right now, the Sheridan County Y is working hard to be a stable, positive force in our community.

I want to share with you a few pieces of good news from the Y. The first one is the decision to remain open during our annual maintenance closure. This nine day closure usually allows us the opportunity to do large projects that require areas to be inaccessible. However, this year, with the unexpected closure in March and April, staff have already accomplished many maintenance week projects and more. We are so thankful you were a sustaining member during the closure and want to honor your commitment by staying open every chance we get!

The second bright spot is that we will not increase our rates this year. The YMCA Membership committee reviews rates every other year to avoid rates ever increasing drastically. 2020 was scheduled to be our rate change year. However, we are working hard in the background to find other creative ways to fund the Y this coming year without adjusting your dues.

The good news I have shared in this letter is slight compared to the story of how you, our members, kept the Y going during the longest closure in our history. Thank you seems inadequate but will have to do until we can gather and celebrate properly.

Take care & stay well,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Elisabeth Cassidy'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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