

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAMILY YMCA. OUR HISTORY FROM NOVEMBER 1992 TO PRESENT.

In November 1992 a small group of people interested in Montgomery County and its future, gathered to begin the process of bringing a YMCA to Montgomery County.

Many were interested in providing safe and wholesome activities for kids and families. The YMCA, with its 153-year history of service to communities, is a leader in fitness, youth programs, swimming, recreation, child education, senior adults and much more.



Montgomery County Family YMCA Facts

- 1992 Recreation Committee formed
- 1994 Founders Campaign \$200,000
- 1994 -Montgomery County Family YMCA Board formed
- November 1994 - 4-H Facility provided YMCA first office
- January 1995 - Nick Zimmer, first Executive Director hired
- April 1995 - first program started
- January 1996 - second office & multi-purpose room were added due to program growth.
- September 1996 - National YMCA Charter presented
- April 1997 - YMCA volunteers have grown to 1,000
- May 1997 - YMCA Board of Directors select the architect firm of Ellison-Auxier to serve as the YMCAs architect.
- September 1997 - YMCA Board of Directors selects the fund-raising consultants of Egbert & Associates to conduct capital campaign feasibility study.
- October & November 1997 - YMCA conducts capital campaign feasibility study.
- December 1997 - YMCA Board of Directors learns of feasibility study results. Indicated and agreed upon to conduct a full pledge capital campaign for a full facility YMCA with initial \$500,000 endowment fund. YMCA announces a \$4.7 million dollar capital campaign goal.
- January 1998 - first capital campaign gift is given to the YMCA of \$176,000 for endowment fund program from Tom & Catherine Carder of Red Oak, Iowa.
- September 1998 - YMCA public capital campaign kick-off event was held with an announcement of a \$1 million gift given to the YMCA from Charles & Norma Wilson of Red Oak, Iowa, bringing campaign funds to \$1.5 million raised.
- December 1998 - capital campaign reaches \$2.3 million dollar goal and YMCA secures \$500,000 endowment goal.
- July 1999 - ground is broken for site of YMCA at Legion Park in Red Oak, Iowa.
- September 1999 - Oakview Construction of Red Oak, IA is hired by the YMCA to serve as our Project Manager for construction of \$4.3 million dollar construction project and later to construct four (4) indoor tennis court projects.
- September 30, 1999 - YMCA reaches enough funding to start a full facility construction for the YMCA building of \$4.3 million dollar construction cost.
- October 1999 - YMCA construction begins in full force with anticipated grand opening of October 2000 for a full facility YMCA.
- November 1999 - YMCA formulated transitional plans through thirteen (13) volunteer committees to assist the YMCA to move from a storefront operation to a full facility YMCA of 34,000 square feet.
- December 1999 - YMCA capital campaign funds reach \$4.8 million dollars.
- January 2000 - YMCA Board of Directors announce the final phase of having indoor tennis courts fund-raising efforts begin from grants, special events, through children's events, etc.
- January 2000 - YMCA staff changes begin within the front office, membership & marketing and program staff.
- February 2000 - YMCA capital campaign funds reach \$4.8 million and YMCA has committed pledges of \$225,000 for indoor tennis center.
- March 2000 - YMCA hires first time ever Aquatic/Program Director
 - June 2000 - YMCA Capital Campaign funds reach \$5.2 million and YMCA has committed pledges of \$420,000.
 - June 2000 - YMCA hosts a Sneak Peek Preview of the YMCA construction project during Junction Days 2000 - over 500 residents tour the facility.
 - July 2000 - YMCA hires first time ever property manager.
 - July 2000 - YMCA hosts another Sneak Peak Preview of the YMCA construction project during the Montgomery County Fair with another excellent turnout.

- July 2000 - YMCA announces to the public the new full facility membership rates and what a membership will include.
- August 2000 - part-time staff is hired in various departments to meet the needs of the YMCA members and the service area.
- August 2000 - YMCA Capital Campaign funds reach \$6.3 million and YMCA has committed pledges of \$1.3 million for (4) four-court indoor tennis center.
- September 2000 - YMCA Auxiliary formed. The club is designed to help and meet the needs of our members.
 - September 2000 - staff training.
 - September 2000 - first ever After School Programs was implemented to the youth of the area.
 - October 2000 - YMCA conducts several Pre-Membership Sale Nights to allow customers the opportunity to purchase their memberships prior to the YMCA opening its doors.
 - October 2000 - YMCA hosts Great Plains Cluster Fall Assembly. Over 160 people attending.
 - October 2000 - YMCA opens its doors "to build healthy body, mind, and spirit for all"!
 - October 2000 - first ever YMCA of Montgomery County Iowa formed a Winter Swim Team.
 - November 2000 - YMCA hosts the official Grand Opening and Dedication of the YMCA.
 - December 2000 - YMCA receives anonymous endowment gift of \$500,000 to bring the Montgomery County Family YMCA's total endowment investment fund to 1 million dollars.
 - January 2001 - Montgomery County Family YMCA hosts its first ever indoor swimming meet in Red Oak, Iowa or Montgomery County, Iowa on Saturday, January 6, 2001. YMCA Stringrays Swim Team vs. Southern Prairie YMCA Youth Swim Team.
 - To be announced - 2001 - (pending) anticipated four indoor tennis court center opening.
 - April, 2001- Dr. Ray Pugh served as the YMCA's 2001 Annual Campaign Kickoff Speaker to help the YMCA raise our goal of \$37,000 for the year of 2001.
 - April 2001 - Montgomery County Family YMCA awarded \$400,000 grant from the State of Iowa Vision Iowa Board of Directors - Community Attraction Tourism Grant program. 6.8 million dollars raised in capital campaign funds (\$500,000 Endowment, 1.8 million indoor tennis center and 4.3 million for phase I & II.)
 - April 2001 - YMCA learns that it will receive \$8,838 grant through the State of Iowa Boost4Families Program to run 2001 summer camping program.
 - May 5, 2001 - Montgomery County Family YMCA breaks ground of 14,000 square foot plus four indoor tennis center - with anticipated opening November 2001.
 - July, 2001- YMCA learns that it will receive \$15,083 in grant funding through the State of Iowa Boost 4 Families Program to run the Before & After School Program. This grant will run from July 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001.
 - August, 2001- YMCA hires a full-time Tennis/Program Director to run the year round tennis programs along with other YMCA responsibilities as assigned. The YMCA also hires a part-time Before & After School Director through the Boost4Families Program.
 - August, 2001- The YMCA paid off the community-lending loan of borrowed funds against the committed pledges for the construction of the original 34,000 square foot facility of the YMCA.
 - September 21, 2001 - YMCA learns of receiving \$21,000 grant from the Variety Club of Des Moines, IA, for a 15-seat passenger van with chair lift/transportation service for youth and residents in need that could not be able to enjoy the YMCA.
 - October 29, 2001 - YMCA held its first Endowment Heritage Club Dinner with Keynote Speaker John Brooks, CEO of Greater Metropolitan YMCA, in El Paso, Texas.
 - November 11, 2001 - The YMCA hosts a Sneak Peak Preview of the Carder Indoor Tennis Center with Special guest appearance by Andy Roddick, the #15 ranked Men's Tennis Player in the world. Hundreds of people from the Midwest attend this event.
 - November 21, 2001 - The YMCA learns that it will receive \$13,676.31 in grant funding through the State of Iowa Boost4Families Program. This grant will run from January 1, 2002, - May 31, 2002.
 - December 9, 2001 - The Four Court Carder Indoor Tennis Center is officially opened through the YMCA's Grand Opening and Dedication of the center. A great day of speakers, tennis and fellowship.
 - December 2001 - The Four Court Indoor Tennis Center opens for open tennis play and later in December Holiday Tennis Tournaments will be held for youth and adults.
 - December 2001- The YMCA surpasses its 2001 Annual Campaign goal of \$37,000 and raised over \$43,000 for the 2001 "No One Denied" program.
 - December, 2001- The YMCA entered into a community-lending program for the final construction payments of the \$1.8 million dollar indoor tennis center project. Only funds borrowed against committed pledges for the construction of the 34,000 square foot indoor tennis center.
 - February 2002 - YMCA, Red Oak Chamber and Red Oak Industrial Foundation host Leadership Iowa at YMCA
 - April, 2002- John Knicely, the evening news anchor for WOWT-Channel News 6, serves as the YMCA's 2002 Annual Campaign Kickoff Dinner to help raise \$41,000 for the 2002 year for the "No One Denied" program.
 - October 28, 2002 - YMCA held its second Endowment Heritage Club Dinner with Keynote speaker Ken Gladish, CEO of the YMCA of the USA, Chicago, IL.

- November 2002- Nick Zimmer, YMCA Executive Director is appointed for a 14 month term as YMCA of the USA Civic Engagement Fellow to spread the word of "having teens getting involved with the community". The Montgomery County Family YMCA receives \$7,500 grant funding to be involved with the Civic Engagement Program and carry on the work of Civic Engagement forever.
- January 2003 – YMCA hosts YMCA of USA Civic Engagement Workshop with Spencer Bonnie.
- April 2003- YMCA kicks off \$71,500 Capital Campaign Project for Racquetball/Squash/Wallyball Court.
- September 2003- YMCA secures over \$45,000 of pledges for the Capital Campaign Project for Racquetball/Squash/Wallyball Court to begin construction plans for October 2003. Major donor will secure the balance of what is owed for the \$71,500 project.
- October 2003- YMCA retires \$175,000 community lending loan against committed pledges for the indoor tennis center.
- October 2003- Construction begins for the \$71,500 Racquetball/Squash/Wallyball Court.
- October 27, 2003- Mike Bussey speaks at the 3rd Annual Heritage Club Endowment Dinner.
- December 2003- YMCA retires \$54,000 community lending lean for racquetball/squash/ wallyball court against committed pledges.
- December 2, 2003- New Racquetball/Squash/Wallyball Court is open for play.
- December 14, 2003- The YMCA hosts and official ribbon cutting and dedication ceremonies for the newly constructed \$71,500 Racquetball/Squash/Wallyball Court. The court is named the Kent & Jean Webb Family Court for Kent Webb's campaign leadership and serving as the projects largest donor.
- December 31, 2003- The YMCA surpasses the goal of \$32,000 for the "We Build People" campaign that provides assistance with memberships and programs for people with financial limitations. The YMCA hosted several events including golf tournaments, raffles, and cookouts to raise money for this fund.
- 2001-2004 – run a very smooth and effective YMCA to meet the needs of our members and service area.
- 2004- Complete a risk management plan with manual and training. Conduct a 3-5 year long- range plan for issues of second gym, funding. Focus on membership growth and retention, volunteers, staff development. Build an endowment fund of \$3 million dollars.
- 2004 – first surplus budget.
- August 2005 – Luke Jensen, 1993 French Open Men's Doubles Tennis Champion and current ESPN Tennis Commentator, performed youth and adult indoor tennis clinics at the YMCA Indoor Tennis Center.
- 2005 – YMCA launches website www.mcyymca.com. The YMCA has earned grant funding with the Montgomery County Endowment Fund program to assist YMCA programming needs and operational needs.
- 2007 – YMCA is now raising \$35,000 of annual support funds. Annual operating budget is now at \$570,000. YMCA completes final payments to pay off committed pledges for the racquetball/ wallyball/ squash court.
- 2008 – YMCA Executive Director Nick Zimmer is elected to the North American YMCA Development Organization, dedicated to commitment to Philanthropy and strong financial practices, for a three year term. Zimmer serves as 2009 NAYDO Conference, Dallas, Texas, co-chair of the Exhibitors and will continue to provide leadership to the Exhibitor efforts for future conferences.
- 2008 – The YMCA kicks off an endowment enlargement campaign called "Future Is in Your Hands" with dedicated volunteer leadership. YMCA secured a top gift of up to \$500,000 and to benefactor will provide .50% additional contribution to any designed gift up to \$500,000. Total campaign goal is \$1.5 million and campaign timeline is to be completed by 2011 to earn incentive gift of up to \$500,000. Campaign team works on Phase I and by the end of December 2008 the YMCA has raised \$191,000 for designated endowment funds to be used for long term deferred maintenance projects.
- January 2009 – YMCA kicks off a \$38,000 annual support campaign.
- April 23, 2009 - The Montgomery County Family YMCA earns the 2009 NAYDO Eagle Award, the highest award in Philanthropy and Financial practice, at the 2009 NAYDO Conference in Dallas, Texas on April 23rd, 2009.
- May 2009 – The YMCA's endowment enlargement campaign "Future Is in Your Hands" campaign has raised \$326,000 by May 1st, 2009.
- May 2009 – YMCA receives a \$23,433 grant gift from the Montgomery County Endowment Organization for new cardiovascular health wellness fitness equipment.
- July 2009 - YMCA plays host to hundreds of RAGBRAI riders (bicycle riders across Iowa) and support member for shower and overnight stay at the YMCA; The YMCA raises over \$3,600 for the one night stay.
- August 2009 – The YMCA's endowment "Future Is In Your Hands Campaign reaches campaign figures of \$370,000 campaign goal is \$1.5 million by December 31st, 2011. All funds directed for long term maintenance needs.
- October 5th, 2009 – The YMCA holds its annual Heritage Club dinner at the Red Coach Inn to celebrate the YMCA's endowment program – key note speaker – Louie Warren CEO of the Greater Omaha, Nebraska Association.
- November 11th, 2009 – YMCA receive a \$6,000 grant from the Endowment Funds of Southwest Iowa for lap top computer/ projector for OHAS staff trainings staff trainings for webinar participation/ for new pool/ family/ youth water toy.
- December 31st, 2009 – YMCA reaches its 2009 Membership for Everyone Campaign goal of \$38,000. So no one is denied YMCA program or membership services sue to financial limitations.

- December 31st, 2009 – The YMCA’s “endowment” Future Is in Your Hands Campaign” reaches \$378,000 figures campaign goal is \$1.5 million by December 31st, 2011. All funds directed for long term maintenance needs.
- January 1st, 2010 – The YMCA announces its 2010 Membership for Everyone Campaign goal of \$39,000. So no one is denied YMCA program or membership services due to financial limitations.
- March, 2011 Red Oak City Council approves \$56,000 partnership for performed services for the Montgomery County Family to provide property ground assistance at Red oak Legion Park home of the YMCA/city of Red Oak Sports complex management/managing the outdoor city swimming pool, and providing countless recreational and program services to the community residents of all ages and background.
- April, 2011 the YMCA under the leadership of Mary Jo Piller, kicks off the YMCA’s Annual Campaign – on one denied program to the YMCA due to financial limitations the 2011 campaign theme was “Chipping In For The Y” friends asking friends with a campaign goal of \$50,000. The campaign had over 80 campaigners that made personal campaign visits from April 14, 2011 – May 6, 2011.
- April, 2010 – The YMCA receives \$15,000 grant from the Montgomery County Endowment Foundation for new locker room flooring.
- May 2010 – The YMCA’s endowment “Our Future Is in Your Hands Campaign” reaches \$433,000 figure; the campaign goal is \$1.5 million dollars by December 31st, 2011. All funds are directed for the long term maintenance needs.
- May 2010 – The YMCA’s Membership for Everyone Campaign reaches \$15,000 of its \$39,000 campaign goal.
- October 4th, 2010 – The YMCA hosts it’s annual Heritage Club Dinner with keynote speak Vernon Delpesce – CEO of the Greater YMCA of Des Moines, Iowa.
- November 7th – 9th, 2010 the YMCA hosts the 2010 Fall NAYDO North American YMCA Development Organization – council meeting at the Red Coach Inn & Restaurant in Red Oak, IA.
- November, 2010 The YMCA receives a \$3,000 grant from the Montgomery County Endowment Foundation for membership/program enhancements.
- December 31st, 2010 the YMCA surpasses the “Membership for Everyone” annual campaign goal of \$39,000 by reaching slightly over \$42,000 to assist families, youth, adults, couples of all ages that need financial assistance to enjoy YMCA program and membership services.
- December 31st, 2010, the YMCA has now raised \$480,000 for the YMCA’s “Our Future is In Your Hands” Endowment Enlargement Campaign to assist the YMCA’s long term maintenance needs.
- April, 2011 the YMCA receives a \$10,000 grant from the Montgomery County Endowment Foundation for membership/program/facility enhancement. Funds were used for new main floor carpet.
- July, 2011, The YMCA collaborated with the Red Oak Chamber/Industrial Association of Red Oak, Iowa for an economic and fiscal impact of events and tournaments that the YMCA held in 2011 and nearly \$200,000 impacted was provided the community of Red Oak through these events.
- September, 2011, “Our Future in Your Hands Endowment Campaign” has raised \$485,000.
- October, 2011, The YMCA hosts its annual Heritage Club Dinner with keynote speaker Fred Hauser, Small and Mid-Size YMCA Executive/Certifications & Membership Standards Director.
- October, 2011 The YMCA’s Endowment “Enlargement Committee just held its second annual mystery drop event. All went very smoothly and raised \$43,000 for the second straight year. The “Our Future Is in Your Hands” Endowment campaign now has raised with pledges and cash on hand \$565,159.17 to assist with major maintenance/repairs of the facility.
- December, 2011: YMCA’s annual campaign raises \$49,000 for the campaign in 2011. The campaign goal was \$50,000. Funds raised for the campaign to assist the Y’s long last policy that “no one is denied” Y membership or program services.
- December, 2011: The YMCA raised \$30,000 plus through an endowment enlargement campaign effort to earn another 50% to each new gift made to the Y’s “Our Future Is In Your Hands” since the campaign started in October, 2008 the campaign now has raised just shy of \$6000,000 for the interest funds to be used for long term maintenance needs.
- January, 2012 the YMCA plans for the 2012 Y annual campaign under the director of Kevin and Angela Britten with the campaign goal set for \$50,000 and to mobilize 90 plus volunteers from mid March to mid May to raise these funds to honor the Y’s long lasting policy that “No One Is Denied” a Y membership or program services.
- June 2012: the YMCA receives \$5000 E. F. & Sylvia Schildberg Foundation to assist with various Y programing and YMCA annual campaign “Strength in Numbers” program.
- June, 2012: the YMCA receives a \$5000 gift from the William T. Shields Revocable Trust for the Y’s annual campaign “Strength in Numbers” program.
- June 2012: the YMCA installed a new computer software program “DAXKO” for membership services, financial & program services needs.
- June 2012: reaches the \$44,000 mark of the 2012 Annual Campaign “Strength in Numbers” program to help reach the \$50,000 campaign goal.
- September 22, 2012: The YMCA held its annual fall Four Best ball Golf Tournament. The Tournament was very successful and the YMCA raised \$5,000 to assist the YMCA’s annual campaign needs to honor the YMCA’s “No One Is Denied Policy” for programs, services and memberships.

- October 22, 2012: The YMCA held its third annual Mystery Drop. All 300 tickets were sold to raise \$30,000 for the YMCA's endowment long range maintenance and facility enhancement needs at the YMCA.
- November, 2012: The YMCA reached \$57,000 in annual campaign support; the most ever in the YMCA's 17-years of conducting the annual campaign process.
- January, 2013: The YMCA plans for the YMCA's 17th Annual Campaign program with the theme "Be a Hero the Cape is Optional". Campaign goal is \$51,000 and early committed gifts have totaled \$7,000.
- February, 2013: The YMCA received notification from the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation from a submitted grant on August 12th, 2012 in the amount of \$6,467 was approved for phase one of the YMCA's facility accessibility modifications category to support pool accessibility. This is the first process of various phases to continue to improve the quality of life for everyone that the YMCA serves.
- April, 2013: The YMCA received notification from the Montgomery County Endowment Foundation from a submitted grant in December, 2012 that the YMCA would receive \$10,000 for new plastic maintenance free lockers in the men's and boy's locker room. The lockers were installed in late July, 2013.
- July, 2013: The YMCA's Annual Campaign program "Be a Hero the Cape is Optional" reaches the \$40,000 mark of the campaign goal of \$51,000.
- September 28th, 2013: The YMCA held its annual fall four person best ball golf tournament. The tournament was very successful and raised over \$5,000 to assist the YMCA's annual campaign needs to honor the YMCA's "No One is Denied Policy".
- October 7th, 2013: The YMCA held its annual Endowment / Heritage Club dinner at the Red Coach Inn & Restaurant. Over 80 club members were in attendance to hear a wonderful key note address from Rand Fisher former of Red Oak, IA. Rand is now the President of the Iowa Area Development Group of West Des Moines, IA. The inductees in the YMCA's Heritage Club Hall of Fame for the class of 2013 were George & Pat Maher and Nick and Nancy Zimmer all of Red Oak, Iowa.
- October, 2013: The YMCA received notification from the Iowa West Foundation from a submitted grant in July, 2013 that the YMCA would earn a 1:1 matching grant of \$32,500 if the YMCA raises \$32,500 by September 30th, 2014 for new wellness circuit training fitness equipment. So far the YMCA has raised \$9,000 towards the \$32,500 goal.
- October 7th, 2013: The coalition of a formed partnership (Red Oak Country Club, YMCA, Wilson Performing Arts Center, Red Oak Chamber & Industry Association & the Red Coach Inn & Restaurant all of Red Oak, Iowa) were notified from a submitted grant on September 1st, 2013 that the coalition would be awarded \$ 12,000 worth of region and specific marketing of each of the organizations to recruit people to " Play & Stay in Red Oak" this was the initiative of this program. Another \$10,000 would be awarded to the various coalition members as their facilities were used to cover the true cost of this outstanding overnight stay and entertainment program.
- October 23rd, 2013: The YMCA facility at 101 East Cherry Street is now 13 years old. A week long birthday week celebration took place for members and new members to enjoy.
- October 27th, 2013: The YMCA held its 4th Annual Mystery Drop. All 300 tickets were sold to raise \$30,000 for operational needs at the YMCA, some long term maintenance needs and \$4,000 was directed towards the new wellness circuit training equipment fund raising needs.
- November, 2013: The YMCA's Annual Campaign program "Be a Hero the Cape is Optional" reaches the \$54,000 mark and surpassed the \$51,000 annual campaign goal.
- November, 7th, 2013: The YMCA receives a \$5,000 grant that the YMCA submitted back in August, 2013 to the Montgomery County Endowment Foundation for assistance for the new wellness fitness circuit equipment. It's the YMCA's goal to have fund raising done in the spring of 2014 and new circuit fitness equipment to be installed in August, 2014.
- November 7th, 2013: The Montgomery County Family YMCA sent a delegation to the YMCA State of Iowa Alliance Key Leaders Conference in Indianola, Iowa on the campus of Simpson College. Gage Palmer a YMCA member from Red Oak, Iowa who recently graduated from Red Oak Senior High School was honor by the YMCA State of Iowa's Alliance as the mission impact recipient with a video tribute that was recently linked on to the YMCA of the USA's "Exchange Page" the YMCA of the USA's national website page. Gage was born with a birth defect to his brain. Gage is just a wonderful young person and plans to engage into a career of being a fire fighter.
- November 8th, 2013: The Montgomery County Family YMCA submits a \$10,000 grant to the Schilberg Foundation in Greenfield, Iowa for assistance with the YMCA's goal to earn the Iowa West Foundation's 1:1 matching fund program of \$32,500 for new wellness circuit fitness training.
- November, 2013: saw the Montgomery County Family YMCA host annual soup fest programs, swim meet and the YMCA's 19th Annual Thanksgiving Day Run & Walk Turkey Trot with record breaking number of participants of over 225 throughout the United States.
- December, 2013: The Montgomery County Family YMCA submits a \$20,000 grant to the Montgomery County Endowment Foundation for assistance for new wellness fitness circuit equipment. These funds will apply towards the Iowa West Foundations 1:1 match program. The YMCA also submitted Montgomery County Memorial Hospital a similar proposal for \$5,000 of assistance as well as to the Red Oak City Tourism Committee for \$5,000 for their March 1st, 2014 application deadline.

- December 31st, 2013: The Montgomery County Family YMCA's Annual Campaign raised \$56,000. All time campaign high for this program in the 18 years that the YMCA has offered this program.
- February, 2014: The Montgomery County Family YMCA earns a \$900 grant from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Foundation to assist the YMCA's 2014 Annual Campaign.
- March, 2014: The Montgomery County Family YMCA kicks off the 2014 "The Y. So Much More" annual campaign on March 13th, 2014. The campaign goal has been set for \$56,000.
- March, 2014: The Montgomery County Family YMCA receives and earns an \$18,000 grant from the Montgomery County Endowment Foundation for assistance with the YMCA's goal to raise \$70,000 for new flooring and wellness equipment for the YMCA's wellness center. The grant that was submitted by the YMCA was for \$20,000. The YMCA also received a lead gift of \$1,000 from Montgomery County Memorial Hospital to assist the YMCA's wellness center equipment and flooring project. The YMCA also earned a \$5,000 grant from the Red Oak Tourism & Recreation committee from the cities hotel/motel tax program to assist the YMCA's wellness center improvement project. This brings our total raised to \$66,000 and the YMCA will kickoff the public phase of the campaign in late May as the goal is to have the new flooring, lighting and equipment installed by mid August, 2014.
- April, 2014: The YMCA's 2014 annual campaign "The Y. So Much More" has raised \$ 22,000 of the campaign goal of \$56,000.
- April, 2014: Nick Zimmer, CEO of the Montgomery County Family YMCA successfully completed his 2nd three year term to serve on the North American YMCA Development Organization Council and chairing the sponsorships and exhibitor program for six year's. Nick and Nancy Zimmer attended the 2014 NAYDO Conference held in San Antonio, Texas on April 9th – 12th, 2014.
- May, 2014: The YMCA's 2014 annual campaign "The Y. So Much More" has raised \$33,000 of the campaign goal of \$56,000.
- May, 2014: The Montgomery County Family receives and earns a \$2,500 grant from the E.F. & Sylvia Schildberg Foundation of Greenfield, Iowa along with another lead gift of \$5,000 from one of the YMCA's top benefactors. This brings the total for the new wellness center equipment and center enhancements to \$77,000 of a now \$90,000 project. The public phase of the campaign will be kicked off in late May and the centers new "look" should be ready to go by mid August, 2014.
- June, 2014: The Montgomery County Family YMCA receives and earns a \$250 grant from The Redwoods Foundation to purchase a case that can be mounted on one of the YMCA lobby walls for our AED machine.
- The YMCA reaches the \$39,000 level of funds raised for the annual campaign program at the end of June. The campaign goal is \$56,000.
- The YMCA as of the end of June, 2014 has raised \$93,000 of the \$90,000 project for a new make over of the YMCA's wellness / fitness center program. The makeover will take place in mid August, 2014.
- The YMCA reached the \$95,000 level of now nearly a \$100,000 project for a new make over of the YMCA's wellness/fitness center program. The make over will take place in mid August, 2014.
- The YMCA reaches the \$41,000 level of funds raised for the annual campaign program during the middle of July. The campaign goal is \$56,000.
- The YMCA raises over \$101,000 of the \$90,000 project for a new make over of the YMCA's wellness / fitness center equipment. Also new efficient lighting was apart of the center project for the wellness/fitness center and the indoor running walking track. The new lighting and equipment was installed in mid August, 2014.
- The YMCA's Annual Four Person "Best Ball" Golf Tournament took place on Saturday, September 20th, 2014 to benefit the YMCA's annual campaign "The Y. So Much More" program. The tournament raised over \$4,000 for this program.
- The YMCA's Annual Heritage Club Endowment Dinner took place on Monday, October 5th, 2014 at the Red Coach Inn & Restaurant in Red Oak, Iowa. Nearly 75 club members attended this first class event to celebrate the work of the YMCA's endowment programming. The club members in attendance were treated to a first class meal, entertainment and a wonderful keynote speak from Karen Jennings of Omaha, NE. Jennings attended Tri Center High School in southwestern Iowa in the early 1980's and was a wonderful student athlete and become the all time leading basketball scorer at the University of Nebraska. Karen is one of the top relators in the city of Omaha, NE today.
- The YMCA's 5th Annual Mystery Drop Event took place on Sunday, October 19th, 2014 with the first ever helicopter use for the "drop". The program was a major success as all 300 tickets were sold out for the third year of the five year event. The YMCA cleared \$23,000 to assist with operational needs and purchase of a new sounds system speaker system to be installed in the YMCA's swimming pool, tennis center, gymnasium and multi-purpose room. Installation took place in November, 2014 for these facility enhancements.
- The YMCA's Annual Campaign "The Y. So Much More" has reached the \$50,000 donation level of our \$56,000 campaign goal for 2014.
- The YMCA received \$10,000 grant from the Montgomery County Community Foundation Advisory Board of Directors from their fall cycle of grant submissions. The YMCA will use these funds for new plastic lockers for the women's & girls locker rooms. Installation of the new lockers will take place in July, 2015.
- November 5th and 6th, 2014 the YMCA took a great delegation of staff and key volunteers to the 2014 YMCA of Iowa Alliance Conference at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa to bring back some great programming, updates in keeping our YMCA the best it can be to serve people of all ages and backgrounds.

- The YMCA through major hail storm damage on April 12th, 2014 worked with insurance and signed contractor to a needed new metal tennis roof, gutters, flashing and awning for the YMCA. Work started in mid November, 2014 and will be completed in late November, 2014.
- In November of 2014 the YMCA hosted Annual Thanksgiving Day Run/Walk, home swimming meet and soup fest programs.
- The YMCA's Annual Campaign "The Y. So Much More" raised \$54,120 of our \$56,000 campaign for 2015.
- March, 2015 the YMCA kick's off its 2015 "The Y. So Much More" annual campaign program with a campaign goal of \$55,000. By the end of April, 2015 the YMCA's Annual Campaign Program has raised \$33,000 of our \$55,000 campaign goal.
- The YMCA's completed and now has installed a new metal tennis center roof, new gutters around the entire tennis center, new flashing around the entire YMCA , new metal front entrance awning and original building gutters painted as part of the April 12th, 2014 major hail storm damage that came through Red Oak, Iowa.
- The YMCA hosted in March along with the Friends of the Red Oak Trail program the 2nd Annual Shamrock Shuffle event that was very successful event.
- The YMCA offered a very successful Easter Egg Dive program and assisted with the Red Oak Kiwanis Club Tryahlon in April.
- The YMCA applied in January and received a \$27,000 grant award on April 23rd, 2015 from the Montgomery County Family YMCA Foundation Advisory Board of Directors from their spring cycle of grant submissions. The YMCA use these funds from the written grant proposal to install new efficient LED lighting in the YMCA's Wilson Aquatics Center and Wilson Gymnasium. The new lights will be installed in May for the gymnasium and August for the swimming pool.
- The YMCA applied in November, 2014 for a \$15,000 E.F. & Sylvia Schildberg Foundation of Greenfield, IA for assistance with the YMCA's new efficient LED lighting for the YMCA's Wilson Aquatics Center and Wilson Gymnasium. The new lights will be installed in May for the gymnasium and August for the swimming pool.
- The YMCA's "The Y. So Much More" annual campaign program has reached the \$38,000 level of contributions. The campaign 2015 goal is \$55,000.
- The YMCA has secured enough funding to send three area children to Camp Foster outside of Spirt Lake, Iowa. This has been a long time partnership with the Montgomery County Family YMCA and Camp Foster for over 12 years.
- The YMCA did secure a lead gift of \$35,000 from Helen Murphy, one of the Montgomery County Family YMCA's top benefactors to construct the YMCA back in 1999. Helen is a tennis enthusiast and her major gift will kick off the YMCA's \$110,000 LED efficient lighting/ tennis court re painting / new tennis net program. The goal is to secure another major lead gift, private funds along with several grants to have this project take place in phases with LED lights to be installed in late 2015 or early 2016 and the painting projects in the summer of 2016.
- The YMCA's "The Y. So Much More" annual campaign program has reached the \$41,000 level of contributions. The campaign 2015 goal is \$55,000.
- The YMCA earned a \$500 grant from The Redwoods Group Foundation for the purchase of new Personal Floation Device (PFD) units on June 1st, 2015. This grant will be coordinated with the new Montgomery County Family YMCA's "Test.Mark.Protect non swimmer policy that went into effect on the 1st of June as well.
- The YMCA in June did install LED lighting in the Wilson Gymnasium for brighter lighting and cost savings measures.
- July, 2015 the YMCA secured another lead gift (TBA) from Tom Carder, one the Montgomery County Family YMCA's major benefactors long with his late wife Catherine Carder. The Montgomery County Family YMCA's Indoor Tennis Center is named "The Carder Indoor Tennis Center" in honor of the Carder's support of the Montgomery County Family YMCA and both Tom & Catherine are / were tennis enthusiasts. Thus the YMCA has raised estimated \$70,000 for new LED lighting / tennis court re painting/ ten & under line / new nets projects. The YMCA is working on various grants and will conduct a drive to give all tennis enthusiasts the opportunity to donate to the facility enhancements. The plan is to have the LED lights installed in late 2015 or early 2016 and painting of the courts etc., in the summer of 2016.
- The YMCA's "The Y. So Much More" annual campaign program has now reached the \$45,000 level of contributions for the 2015 campaign which has a goal of \$55,000.
- The YMCA in August did install LED lighting in the Wilson Aquatics Center for brighter lighting and cost savings measures.
- The YMCA's 2015 Fall Four Person Best Ball Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, September 19th, 2015 at the Red Oak Country Club in Red Oak , Iowa. The tournament drew 16 teams from the region. With the support of the players, hole sponsors and flag/prize donors the YMCA's was able to raise over \$5,000 for the YMCA's "The Y. So Much More" annual campaign program.
- The YMCA's "The Y. So Much More" annual campaign program has now reached the \$53,000 level of contributions for the 2015 campaign which has a goal of \$55,000.
- September 30th, 2015 the Montgomery County Family YMCA received it's first "Gift of Grain" from the Tony/Deloris & Nathan Johnson Farming Corporation from rural Red Oak, Iowa . The gift was corn and was transferred to the Montgomery County Family YMCA's long term maintenance program in the amount of \$359. The earned interest from this gift will be used to assist in long term maintenance needs or facility enhancement needs.

- The YMCA held its very popular and first class evening for the YMCA's 2015 Heritage Club Dinner at the Red Coach Inn & Restaurant in Red Oak, Iowa. The event is underwritten by Tom Carder and his late wife Catherine Carder. The event is open to all donors that have made a gift to the YMCA's endowment program. This year's event drew over 135 people. The guest speaker was Bill & Evonne Williams of Omaha, NE (Bill was a graduate of Red Oak Senior High School in the 1967) Bill & Evonne raise millions of dollars of Nebraska and parts of western Iowa Honor Flights to take World War II and Korean Veterans to Washington D.C for a day to see the many sights in D.C. The Williams founded the Iowa "Remembering Our Fallen" exhibit and have plans for all 50 states to have their own "Remembering Our Fall" exhibits.
- The YMCA received a \$3,000 grant award from the Burlington Santa Fe Railway Foundation from Fort Worth, Texas on October 10th, 2015 to assist with the YMCA's 2015 "The Y. So Much More" annual campaign program. This gift along with other fall gifts allowed the YMCA to surpass its \$55,000 campaign goal. Presently the YMCA has raised \$58,000 towards "The Y. So Much More" program.
- The YMCA on October 10th, 2015 received a \$20,000 grant award from the Iowa West Foundation from Council Bluffs, Iowa to assist with the YMCA's \$110,000 Carder Indoor Tennis Center Facility Enhancement (new LED lighting, new tennis nets, repainting the entire tennis courts the ATP blue color and painting the tennis blended lines for more youth and family tennis play. To date the campaign has raised \$91,000 and hopes to have the lights installed in the spring of 2016. Then the painting project and nets project to be completed by the end of May, 2016. The YMCA just started its tennis enthusiast campaign efforts – November, 2015.
- On October 18th, 2015 the YMCA held its Sixth Annual Mystery Drop event at the Montgomery County Fair Grounds Main Area. All 300 tickets were sold out for the fourth in a row. The YMCA could not have operated this event without the major support of Johnson Helicopter Services of Red Oak/ Emerson, IA, volunteers, staff and all the fine people that purchased tickets. The YMCA cleared \$22,000 to assist endowment, tennis facility enhancement needs, long term maintenance needs and general operational needs. This year's winners were a split ticket of Tom & Ann Iverson along with five employees of Promotional Concepts of Red Oak, Iowa.
- The YMCA received a \$4,000 grant from the Montgomery County Community Foundation Board of Directors on Thursday, November 12th, 2015. This grant will assist with YMCA computer / internet services for staff/guests/members, RAPTOR software for child protection needs, summer 2016 summer busing services for summer day camp and summer tennis programming.
- December, 2015 "The Y. So Much More" annual campaign did raise \$61,499.71 the most funds ever in the 20 year history of the Montgomery County Family YMCA for annual support and financial assistance programs for the YMCA and area residents in need of YMCA services. The 2015 campaign goal was set at \$55,000. The campaign surpassed the campaign goal over \$6,400. Thank-you to all the donors, volunteers and staff that were apart of the campaign.
- December, 2015, The YMCA's Carder Indoor Tennis Facility Enhancement project (new LED lighting, new tennis nets, repainting of the entire tennis courts the ATP blue color and painting the tennis blended lines for more youth and tennis play has raised \$100,000 of the \$115,000 project. The YMCA Board of Directors approved the YMCA to move forward with the project to order the new LED lighting. The new tennis center lighting will be installed in March of 2016!
- The YMCA's 2016 Annual Campaign program "The Y. For a better us" campaign goal has been set at \$58,000.
- The YMCA's 2016 Annual Campaign program "The Y. For a better us" with early lead gifts, staff and board of director's gifts has raised \$10,500 of the campaign goal of \$58,000. The month of March will be a big month as the YMCA will connect with our past donors in 2015 for their annual support.
- The YMCA learned in January, 2016 that the YMCA has been named a beneficiary of the late Rod Farmer's estate. Rod was the former CEO of the Des Moines, Iowa YMCA. Rod was our capital campaign staff member assigned to our capital campaign program in late 1997 – 2000 to help raise over \$6.6 million dollars for a new state of the art full facility YMCA with endowment funds as a part of the campaign efforts. Rod worked for the firm of Egbert & Associates out of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The YMCA should know that status of this gift in the spring or summer of 2016. Rod, kept a close relationship with Nick and Nancy Zimmer to the date of his death on the 23rd of December, 2015.
- Long time and great friend of not just the YMCA but the entire community Helen Murphy passed way in mid January, 2016. Helen will be missed throughout the community.
- The YMCA received information in mid February, 2016 that the YMCA has been granted a \$2,000 grant from the Missouri Valley Tennis Association and a \$7,000 grant from the United States Tennis Association for the YMCA Carder Indoor Tennis Center Facility Enhancement project (new LED lighting, new tennis nets, repainting the entire tennis courts the ATP blue colors and painting the blended tennis lines for more youth and family tennis play. The project now has raised \$116,000 of the estimated \$115,000 project. The lights should be installed in early April, 2016 and the courts repainted, blended lines, and new net's installed in early summer, 2016.
- The YMCA's 2016 Annual Campaign program "The Y. For a better us" campaign through donations from some of our past 2015 donors has moved our donations raised to \$25,000 of the campaigns \$59,000 campaign total.
- The YMCA learned on March 21st, 2016 that the YMCA through a earlier submitted grant to the Montgomery County Community Foundation will receive a grant award for \$20,000 on April 21st, 2016 to assist with equipment needs: of

plastic low maintenance lockers for the special needs locker room, water heater, special needs exercise equipment and new stairway flooring to the YMCA's indoor track, wellness and fitness center areas.

- May, 2016 the YMCA received information that the YMCA was named to the late Helen Murphy's Estate as a benefactor to the YMCA's endowment fund and some funding for special project needs. The current gifts from the estate to the YMCA has totaled \$260,000 with some other gifts to arrive upon closure of the estate.
- June and early July, 2016: Four YMCA Aquatics Life Guards: Missy Stickland, Pam Jones, Deb Blomstedt & Tom Burkisher lifeguarded at the 2016 Omaha Cup and 2016 USA Olympic Swimming Trials that were held in Omaha, NE at the Century Link Center. Each guard had to go through special life guarding training to qualify to volunteer for this two week honor and event.
- July, 2016, the YMCA received information that the YMCA was named as benefactor to the Ruth E. Nelson Revocable Trust in the amount of \$51,422.59 that can be used for various YMCA needs.
- The YMCA's 2016 Annual Campaign Program "The Y. For a better us" campaign through donations from many of our 2015 donors and some new donors has reached the \$44,000 level. The campaign goal is to raise \$59,000 by the end of the year.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA was able to have staff representation at the 2016 Y USA General Assembly in Kansas City, Mo. July 14th – 17th, 2016.
- July 23rd, 2016 The Carder Indoor Tennis Center was re dedicated for over \$116,000 of facility improvements. New LED lighting, blended ten and under lines painted on all four tennis court, new tennis nets and all four courts re painted. The YMCA raised \$119,000 from 2015 to present to complete this wonderful project.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA's 7th Annual Mystery Drop event was held on Sunday, October 23rd, 2016 at the Montgomery County Fair Area. For the fifth straight year the committee volunteers were able to sell all 300 tickets. The program will net \$21,000 to assist with YMCA's endowment, programming and facility enhancement needs.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA was able to send a large staff delegation to the YMCA of Iowa Alliance Fall Conference on November 2nd and 3rd, 2016 in Des Moines, Iowa. The conference focused on membership engagement.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA in early November was able to add a youth swimming pool slide within the Wilson Aquatics Center. This enhancement was made possible the a generous donation from Willy & Pat Johnson of Red Oak, Iowa.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA was able to earn at \$5,000 Montgomery County Community Endowment grant for a new NuStep T5xr Recumbent Cross Trainer. The new exercise equipment arrived at the YMCA in early November. This piece of equipment is designed to offer the life transforming benefits to exercise to users of virtually any age, size fitness level, or health condition.
- The YMCA's 2016 Annual Campaign Program "The Y. For a better us" campaign donations has reached the \$56,000 level. The campaign goal is raise \$59,000 by the end of the year.
- The YMCA on November 10th, 2016 received a wonderful gift in the amount of \$120,000 from the Rod & Jean Farmer Estate. Rod and Jean were great friends of the YMCA from Estes Park, Colorado. Rod worked with our dedicated volunteers and staff to help construct a full facility YMCA and implement an endowment program. This gift will benefit endowment, capital and staff development needs for the Montgomery County Family YMCA.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA on November 18th, 2016 receives as one of the named recipients a \$800,000 endowment gift from the Charles W. Wilson & Norma J. Wilson Foundation (Red Oak, Iowa).
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA received informant on Friday, December 9th, 2016 that the YMCA earned an applied \$40,000 grant from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs "YMCA Facility Improvement Grant" sponsored by the Iowa Arts Council. These funds will allow the YMCA to be able to resurface the Wilson Aquatics Center Pools interior. The project is a \$62,500 project. The YMCA plans to have this project completed by early fall 2017.
- The YMCA's 2016 Annual Campaign Program "The Y. For a better us" has reached the \$59,000 donation level which was the 2016 campaign goal.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA earns a \$2,500 grant award from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Foundation (Ft. Worth, Texas). The grant will assist the YMCA in two areas. The YMCA's LED lighting project in the amount of \$500 and \$2,000 for the YMCA's annual campaign known as "The Y. For a better us".
- The YMCA on March 7th, 2017 kicked off the 2017 Annual Campaign Program known as "A Better You Makes A Better Us". The campaign goal has been set at \$59,000. So far the campaign has raised \$35,000.
- The YMCA in March, 2017 earned a \$500 grant from the West Bend Insurance company to place protecting coating over the sharp edges of the bleachers in the Wilson Gymnasium. The coating is to be installed in the summer of 2017 for the gymnasium bleachers.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA earns a \$25,000 grant from the Montgomery County Community Endowment grant for a new swimming pool sand filter. The plan is to install the new filter in the fall of 2017.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA earns a \$2,000 grant for a In Body fitness performance tool. The cost for a system is \$9,000 so the YMCA will have to look at possibly reserve funding to help with the balance of the tool. Also the YMCA will wait till a wellness staff member is hired to help administrate the new tool for the YMCA's wellness/fitness center.

- Nick Zimmer, the YMCA's only Executive Director for the 22 year history of the Montgomery County Family YMCA, announced his resignation as the Executive Director in early May, 2017. Nick's last day as Executive Director will be on Friday, June 30th, 2017. Nick will utilize his passion and skills to help YMCA's in the Midwest or other non for profit organizations raise capital, annual or endowment funding with the firm of American City Bureau of West Dundee, IL. Nick and his wife Nancy will be able to live in Red Oak as Nick's new position will require some travel to serve the clients. YMCA Program Operational Manger John Blomstedt will serve as the Interim Executive Director as the YMCA Board of Directors look over the best strategic future plans to enhance services for the residents that the YMCA serves throughout the community, county, area and region.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA earns a \$5,000 grant from the Montgomery County Community Endowment grant for new CPR/First Aid Manikins, staff training in the new Y-USA Swim Lesson Curriculum, and to offer free swim lessons to all 2nd graders in Montgomery County.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA's 8th Annual Mystery Drop event was held on Sunday, October 22nd, 2017 at the Montgomery County Fair Area. For the sixth straight year the committee volunteers were able to sell all 300 tickets. The program will net \$21,000 to assist with the YMCA's endowment, programming, and facility enhancement needs.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA sent three management staff to the YMCA of Iowa Alliance Fall Conference on November 1st & 2nd, 2017 in Ankeny, Iowa. The conference focused on child abuse prevention and Nationwide Membership.
- The YMCA's 2017 Annual Campaign Program "The Y. For a better us" campaign donations reached the \$54,000 level which was short of the \$59,000 goal for 2017.
- January 1st, 2018, John Blomstedt becomes the 2nd chief executive director of the Montgomery County Family YMCA.
- The YMCA's Aquatics Program Director, Missy Stickland, and Membership/Customer Service Manager, Carrie Shalters, attend the YMCA Program EXPO in Denver, CO on February 27 – March 2, 2018.
- The YMCA kicks off the 2018 Annual Campaign "The Y. For a better Us." on March 9, 2018. The campaign has a goal of \$54,000.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA learned on April 3 that it had earned a \$30,000 grant from the Montgomery County Community Endowment grant for resurfacing the interior of the YMCA's pool. The YMCA has \$60,000 in grant and matching funds to help with completion of the project.
- On July 16, 2018, the YMCA pool closes its pool for the planned interior pool restoration work. Work is completed on time on August 10 by the K.C. Gunit Company of Kansas City, MO. John Blomstedt attends the New CEO Institute in Chicago, Illinois from August 7 – 10, 2018.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA earns a \$5,000 grant from the Montgomery County Community Endowment grant to help with the purchase of an InBody 570 body composition analysis machine plus 2 new volleyball net systems.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA's 9th Annual Mystery Drop event was held on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Area. Committee volunteers were able to sell 270 tickets which nets over \$18,000 to assist with the YMCA's endowment, programming, and facility enhancement needs.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA sent four management staff to the YMCA of Iowa Alliance Fall Conference on November 1 – 2, 2018, in Altoona, IA. The conference focused on child abuse prevention and Nationwide Membership.
- The YMCA's 2018 Annual Campaign Program "The Y. For a better us" campaign donations surpassed the \$54,000 goal for 2018.
- The YMCA kicks off the 2019 Annual Campaign "Reaching Our Potential. The Y. For a better us." on February 25, 2019. The campaign has a goal of \$55,000.
- The YMCA on March 26 participates in the 2019 YMCA Lobby Day Reception at State Capital Building.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA learned on March 27, 2019, that it had earned a \$30,000 grant from the Montgomery County Community Endowment grant for renovations to the three locker room showers and the addition of handicap accessible doors to the Private Locker Room. The YMCA has \$10,000 in matching funds to help with completion of the project.
- John Blomstedt attended the 2019 NAYDO Conference held in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 1 – 4, 2019.
- Carrie Shalters attended Principles & Practices in Kansas City, Missouri on April 9 – 12, 2019.
- John & Debra Blomstedt attended the 2019 General Assembly in Anaheim, California, July 18 – 21.
- In July 2019, Handicap accessible doors were added to the Private Locker Rooms. In August 2019, the showers in each locker room were updated by Bath Fitters of Omaha. These projects were made possible by a \$30,000 grant received from the Montgomery County Community Foundation in April 2019.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA learned on October 18, 2019, that it had received a \$1,500 grant from the Montgomery County Community Endowment grant for purchase of a second Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and the purchase of additional Slip-Resistant safety tread strips to be placed on our pool deck surface The YMCA has \$1,000 in matching funds to help with completion of the project.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA's 10th Annual Mystery Drop event was held on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Area. Committee volunteers were able to sell all 300 tickets which nets over \$16,000 to assist with the YMCA's endowment, programming, and facility enhancement needs.

- John Blomstedt, Missy Stickland, Carrie Shalters and Matt Davis attend the Iowa Alliance Leadership Conference on October 29-30 in Ames, IA. Missy and Carrie were part of the conference's planning committee.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA received news on December 4th that the YMCA was awarded a \$71,700 grant from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs "YMCA Facility Improvement Grant" sponsored by the Iowa Arts Council. These funds will allow the YMCA to be able to purchase a new Natatorium Dehumidification Unit for the Wilson Aquatics Center. The project cost is \$325,237 project. The YMCA plans to have this project completed by early June 2020.
- The YMCA's 2019 Annual Campaign "Reaching Our Potential. The Y. For a better us." raises \$50,000 which was below goal of \$55,000.