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**STATELINE FAMILY YMCA CELEBRATES A SUCCESSFUL SEPTEMBER OF  
COMMUNITY IMPACT, WELLNESS, AND GIVING**



BELOIT, WI (October 2026) — The Stateline Family YMCA is celebrating an extraordinary September marked by community engagement, philanthropy, healthy living, and meaningful connections across the Stateline region. Through events, volunteerism, and member-led initiatives, the YMCA continued its mission of strengthening the community and ensuring opportunities are accessible for all.

***Honoring Literacy Through the Love of Reading***

On September 25, members of the YMCA's Forever Fit and Silver Sneakers programs demonstrated the power of community service and lifelong learning by donating 250 new and gently used books to the Kinnikinnick School District. The books will be distributed through the district's Family Reading Program, helping foster literacy and a love of reading among local families.

To commemorate the donation, participants in the Roscoe Forever Fit class dressed up and celebrated the lives of beloved literacy advocate Dolly Parton and longtime Forever Fit member Pam Freedlund, a former educator whose passion for reading and community service touched countless lives.

"We think Dolly and Pam would be so proud," said Ann Hankins, CEO of Stateline Family YMCA. "This project reflects the generosity and spirit of our members in addition to helping inspire the next generation of readers."

***Corporate Cup Brings Businesses Together for Community Impact***

The 2026 Corporate Cup once again united local businesses, employees, volunteers, and community members through friendly competition and teamwork. Over the course of 20 events held across 11 days, approximately 2,000 participants representing 31 Stateline-area companies came together to build relationships, stay active, and support a meaningful cause.

The event was made possible through the efforts of more than 80 volunteers and Corporate Cup committee members who helped organize and facilitate competitions throughout the week, as well as our countless sponsors who hold the cause close to their heart. The Y would like to extend a special thank you to Presenting Sponsor Bank First, Major Sponsors ABC Supply Co., Blackhawk Technical College, Campbell's, Fairbanks Morse Defense, Frito Lay, Geronimo Hospitality Group and Hendricks Commercial Properties, Mid-states Concrete Industries, and Pratt Industries; and Training-level sponsors All World Machinery Supply, Allstate Insurance: Lucia M. Hauge Agency, First Mid, Hidden Creek Estates, and PBC Linear.

The event is expected to generate approximately \$65,550 in net revenue, with proceeds benefiting the YMCA's Strong Kids. Strong Community scholarship fund. This fund helps ensure YMCA programs and services remain accessible to children, families, and individuals regardless of financial circumstances.

"Corporate Cup exemplifies what makes our community so special," said Ann Matuska, Senior Director of Resource Development and Healthy Living. "It brings people together, encourages healthy lifestyles, builds workplace connections, and directly supports programs that change lives."

### ***Stonebridge Run Supports Cancer Survivors and Chronic Disease Programs***

September also featured another highly successful Stonebridge half marathon and 5K race event, which welcomed a record-breaking 398 runners from throughout the region. The event relied on the dedication of 33 volunteers who supported runners on the course and worked behind the scenes to ensure a successful experience for participants.

The annual event is projected to raise more than \$23,000 in support of the YMCA's LIVESTRONG at the YMCA program and other chronic disease initiatives. LIVESTRONG at the YMCA is a free 12-week program offered twice annually through the Stateline Family YMCA for individuals navigating a cancer diagnosis, treatment, or a recovery journey. The program provides participants and their families with physical activity, emotional support, and a community of encouragement at no cost.

"Every dollar raised through Stonebridge helps ensure cancer survivors and individuals facing chronic health challenges have access to life-changing support and wellness resources, giving them the strength, encouragement, and community they need to reclaim their lives," said Hankins.

### ***What's Next: Pedal for Progress Spin-a-thon***

Looking ahead, the Stateline Family YMCA will host its annual Pedal for Progress Spin-a-thon on Sunday, November 1, at the Roscoe Branch, 9901 Main Street in Roscoe. The fundraiser invites the community to get moving through a lineup of cycling and group exercise classes while supporting Pedal for Progress, the YMCA's free specialized cycling program for adults living with Parkinson's disease.

### **About the Stateline Family YMCA**

The Stateline Family YMCA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that was founded in 1844 with a mission to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. We believe in providing a safe place for everyone to live healthier, happier, and more confident lives, regardless of background and financial situation.

The Stateline Family YMCA is recognized as one of the leading community organizations in our area, partnering with other agencies to help all segments of our community achieve healthier lifestyles. These partnerships take many forms, including program support, as well as grants from organizations like the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. Stateline Family YMCA is a funded partner of the United Way Blackhawk Region.

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