

## PRESS RELEASE

## STATELINE FAMILY YMCA AWARDED WITH \$80,000 GRANT FROM UNITED WAY BLACKHAWK REGION

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**BELOIT, Wis. (August 13, 2023)** - The Stateline Family YMCA has been awarded an \$80,000 Community Impact Grant from the United Way Blackhawk Region for 2023-2025. These funds will be applied to reduce our after-school care costs for our Beloit sites.

The Stateline Family YMCA is a local non-profit 501c3 organization that believes in investing in the potential of the youth of our community. The funds received from the United Way-Blackhawk Region Community Impact Grant will do just that by making quality childcare more affordable.

"Serving families has always been at the heart of the Y. The funds provided through the United Way will help us reduce our after-school care costs by 45% allowing us to increase our reach and make a greater impact. We are so thankful for the United Way and their donors." said Stateline Family YMCA Chief Executive Officer Ann Hankins.

The Stateline Family YMCA's childcare philosophy is so much more than caring for a child's immediate needs. We focus on elevating the potential of youth through literacy and math curriculum during out-of-school programs; with our youth spending a minimum of 30 minutes per day reading or being read to. After-School Care reading hours during the 2022-2023 school year totaled 1,696 hours!

Afterschool programming includes STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics), Social Emotional Learning, Inclusivity, Nutrition, and Physical Education. Trained staff members incorporate these themes into daily activities which allow youth to thrive in a fun, safe, and educational environment.

More information regarding ages, site offerings, and cost can be found on our website at www.statelineymca.org/after-school.

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## **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.