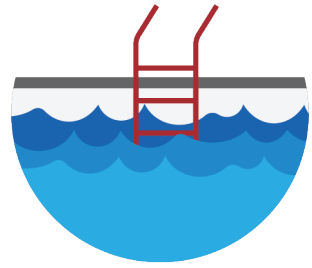




# BUILDING A HEALTHY WALTON

*our purpose is deeper than a pool*



## WORKING TOWARD A HEALTHY WALTON

MARCH 2022



This is the year the Y comes to Walton! Now that plans have been drawn, it is time for more in-depth design work to commence on the Walton YMCA project. In this phase, our planning committee is buckling down on fundraising efforts while the architects and construction developers begin to prepare the site for the new building. With our fundraising total currently at \$14.2 million, we are so close to reaching the total needed for the Walton community and the Y to come together.

### WE ARE PURPOSE DRIVEN

Our purpose is deeper than a pool. We are committed to nurturing the potential of children through **Youth Development**, improving Walton's health and well-being by promoting **Healthy Living** and fostering a sense of **Social Responsibility** by providing opportunities to give back and support our neighbors.



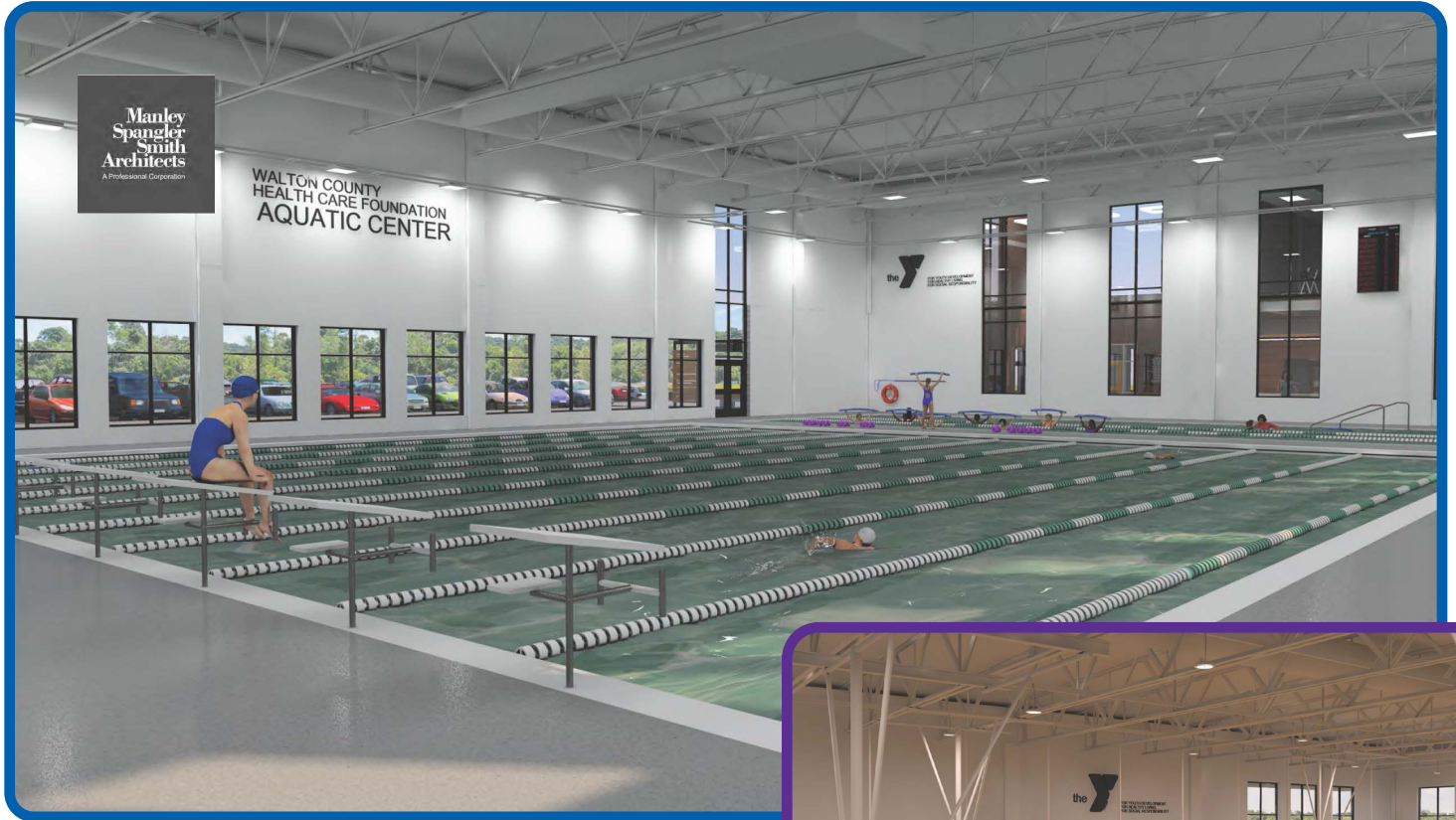
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# THE INSIDE SCOOP

April 2022



With plans to break ground later this year, our planning committee is working hard to raise the remaining funds required to bring the Y to Walton! This month, seven out of the 38 acres at the site have been mulched in order to prepare for ground boring. Our architects and contractors are buckling down on design development and schematic design to ensure all plans are in place for the project to move forward.

As we move closer to meeting our goal of raising \$20 million, the community is getting more excited for what's in store when the Y becomes the hub for health and wellness in Walton County. From the pool to gymnasium, wellness center and more, we can not wait to see these long-laid plans come to life in 2022!



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# BELONG • GATHER • CONNECT

MAY 2022



People are finding fewer places where they belong in today's world. As electronics and technologies widen our world view, it also creates isolation where social interaction and connectedness diminish. **Our community needs a place where all people can come together and where all are welcome.** Everyone deserves the chance to belong to something, no matter their age, background or income.

CAMPAIGN  
UPDATE

Fundraising currently sits at \$14.2 million, and we are getting closer every day to making this YMCA dream a reality!

People can find that sense of belonging at the Y. It's where neighbors connect, friendships are formed and communities are strengthened.

**Our community needs the Y to do more for more people!**

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# SUMMER AT THE Y

Summertime at the YMCA is a wonderful opportunity for so many different kinds of people to come together to enjoy healthy and fun activities. From summer day camp to group exercise, to swim lessons and pickleball, everyone can find something to get involved in to build a healthy spirit, mind and body at the YMCA.

This summer, our committee members are working hard with our architects and construction team to finalize the design of beautiful facility for everyone in Walton County to enjoy. We can not wait for the new YMCA to be the hub for summer fun in Walton.

Here's to summer at the Y!



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# THE TIME IS NOW

The community of Walton County is ready. Bringing the YMCA to Walton has been a dream for over a decade, and we are finally getting ready to introduce the YMCA into service for the youth, teens, adults, seniors and families that call Walton County home.

By the end of this year, construction on the YMCA will be underway and preparations of programs and services will begin to take shape. Without our amazing committee and community of donors and advocates, this YMCA would not be this close to breaking ground and opening its doors. The Walton County community is ready, and **the time is now.**



## Upcoming Events



Stay tuned for the official announcement of the date for the groundbreaking ceremony for the Walton County YMCA!

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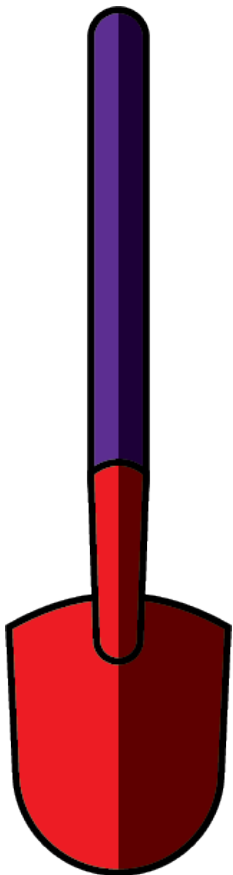
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# BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

**WALTON COUNTY YMCA**

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH 10:00AM** **WALTON YMCA GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY**



The Walton County YMCA committee members and the YMCA of Georgia's Piedmont are excited to announce the groundbreaking ceremony for the Walton County YMCA to be held on Tuesday, October 4th at 10:00am on the future site for the Y. This highly anticipated event will mark the official beginning of construction on the 36,000 square foot facility, complete with a fitness center, aerobics studio, competition pool, warm water therapy pool, afterschool classrooms and nursery.

The groundbreaking ceremony will highlight the history of the effort behind building this YMCA as well as the future impact the organization will have on people from all over Walton County. Distinguished speakers from our community will narrate the ceremony that will be summarized by the shoveling of dirt!

Please anticipate a formal invitation to this groundbreaking ceremony. We look forward to celebrating this momentous occasion with all of our donors, supporters and friends.

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# JUST THE BEGINNING

On October 4th, the Walton County YMCA celebrated the groundbreaking of its highly anticipated facility with a special ceremony. More than 125 distinguished guests and community members gathered at the future site to listen to remarks from Lee Garrett, Gary Hobbs, Nathan Franklin, Robbie Hooker and Diane Brantley.

When complete, the Walton County YMCA will boast an indoor competition pool, warm-water therapy pool, state-of-the-art wellness center, classrooms for afterschool and summer camp, aerobics studio and more.

The YMCA of Georgia's Piedmont—and its soon to be newest branch—will provide opportunities for children, teens, adults and seniors to realize their fullest potential. The programs and services offered through this new facility will be a catalyst to transform lives in the Walton community.

The new facility will benefit the Walton communities of Monroe, Loganville, Social Circle, Jersey, Between, Walnut Grove and Good Hope by offering swim lessons, swim team, aqua therapy, youth sports, adult wellness and group exercise classes—all in a Christian atmosphere.

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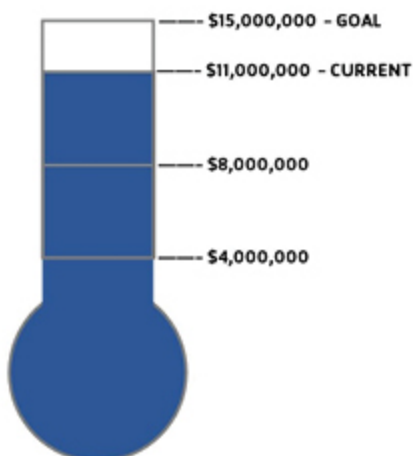
# SEE YOU AT THE POOL

## SPRING 2024

— NOVEMBER 2022 —

As we head into year's end, we would like to thank all of our dedicated committee members, donors, advocates and supporters for an exciting year full of accomplishments. In challenging times, our community has been able to successfully fundraise, spread awareness and rally support from residents of Walton County for the future YMCA. With work still left to do, we are ending 2022 with grateful hearts and entering 2023 with a renewed sense of hope and determination to see this project come to fruition. Reflecting on the huge outpouring of support at our groundbreaking ceremony, we are certain that the next year will see the completion of our fundraising efforts as we continue with site work and construction on the new Walton County YMCA.

**Then, in the Spring of 2024, we will be swimming!**



\*not included: \$2,500,000 in land

The Walton County YMCA Capital Campaign is still going strong. We are close to reaching our fundraising goal to build the new YMCA and are striving every day to make life changing experiences possible at the future Y. Year-end giving is in full swing, and all donations to our non-profit are tax deductible. When you give to the Y, you give to building a strong spirit, mind and body for all!

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