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Scott County YMCA To Become YMCA of the Iowa Mississippi Valley

Increased service base and upcoming opening of R. Richard Bittner YMCA in Downtown Davenport and new North Scott YMCA project drive name change

The YMCA was chartered locally in Davenport almost exactly 162 years ago. The Y's volunteer leadership has continued to expand the scope of services since beginning on October 18, 1858, and a new name change will better reflect the expanded communities being served.

Starting January 1st, the Scott County Family Y will officially become the YMCA of the Iowa Mississippi Valley.

"Our service area is actually Scott, Clinton and Jackson County," said Brad Martell, President and CEO. "We have members and participants throughout a 25-mile area of our branch locations and the new name is more welcoming."

Despite the incredible challenges of COVID-19, the local YMCA has continued to provide essential services to essential workers, day camp for children throughout the summer, safe classes that are moved for social distancing, and healthy opportunities in branch facilities delivered with layers of protection including thermal scanners, de-ionizing foggers, increased sanitizing and equipment that has been spread throughout each location. From nearly 500 children who were provided scholarships to summer camp and membership costs covered for those whose work was limited or terminated due to the pandemic, the Y provided over \$1.62 million in direct community benefit last year.

"The timing of our name change at this point in our YMCA's history is significant," said Mary Jones, Chief Volunteer Officer. "We are 60 days from the opening of our new R. Richard Bittner YMCA in Downtown Davenport. And this spring we will break ground on the North Scott YMCA. We are excited to increase our service and impact throughout Greater Eastern Iowa."

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