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Dear YMCA Member:

We are writing to inform you that the North Central Florida YMCA - the parent organization for the Northwood, McGurn and Southwest YMCAs - filed for Chapter 11 reorganization today. This was a difficult decision for our board of directors, but is the right decision for the future of our YMCA. We would like to take this opportunity to explain the decision and what it means for you as a valued member of the Y.

Our YMCA's goal in this process is to give the communities we serve a stronger, healthier Y, and reorganizing provides an opportunity to do just that. This decision does not impact our daily operations, which will continue without interruption.

As a member of the North Central Florida YMCA, **you will not notice a change in your day-to-day experience with the Y.** The reorganization will allow us to address some of the needs of the Northwood Branch that we have not been able to deal with for some time. Our staff is fully committed to providing the same safe, high-quality programs and services you have come to expect from our YMCA. However, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Harold Cook, Interim CEO at 352.374.9622 extension 11. Otherwise, we will keep you posted on developments.

Declines in membership and donations over the past few years have presented financial challenges, but we believe the action our board has taken today is the first step towards restoring our Y's operational and fiscal health. We will face some additional expenses in connection with the reorganization process. If you would like to help us defray those expenses, please contact Mr. Cook.

Our YMCA has had the privilege of serving the children, families and community of the Gainesville area for over 44 years. We are incredibly grateful for the support we have received from members like you. We hope the Y will continue to be an important part of your life for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Chip Koval
Chair, Board of Directors

Harold Cook
Interim CEO