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**North Suburban YMCA Community Strong
2024 Fundraising Event Dates Announced
*Dinner Slated for April 26, Golf Outing for July 18***

Northbrook, IL, April 2024: The North Suburban YMCA has announced its 2024 Community Strong fundraisers that include the Community Strong Fundraising Dinner and Casino night on Friday, April 26 at Loft 21 in Lincolnshire, and the Community Strong Golf Fundraiser and Patio Party on Thursday, July 18 at the Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling.

The Y's Community Strong annual events provide the funding to make NSYMCA programs accessible to those in financial need, providing families with afterschool childcare, life-saving swim lessons, summer camp, special needs programs, senior support and much more. With the community's needs bigger than ever, the two events allow the Y to spread out its fundraising goals so it can support its financial assistance programming while ensuring the Y's future operations and facility.

"The Community Strong events are ideal opportunities for people to come together, support the community, and support the Y," exclaimed Kathy Fielding, CEO of the North Suburban YMCA. "The annual dinner and golf outing help us maintain the funds to help our local families with child care, camp, swim lessons, and other Y programs and services. It gives children and families a chance to be part of something educational and essential, and it offers them opportunities to have a better quality of life."

The first of the two fundraising events, The Community Strong Fundraising Dinner & Casino at Loft 21 features live music, a seated dinner catered by Jordan's Food of Distinction, casino, raffles and silent and live auctions. The event will also feature the annual presentation of the Ken and Alta Thiel Award for Social Responsibility and Leadership which will be awarded to the

Illinois Bone and Joint Institute. The Thiel award was named in honor of the North Suburban Y's founders Ken and Alta Thiel.

"IBJI truly believes in our communities and we are honored to support the NSYMCA and help in its efforts," said Laurie Jensen, (TITLE) of Illinois Bone and Joint Institute. "The NSYMCA is an amazing organization and we've always stood behind their mission. IBJI is proud to play a role in the health and wellness of our community and are so thrilled to be recognized as a Thiel award winner."

In July, the Community Strong Golf Event will begin with a shotgun start at 1 pm, followed by a patio party reception from 6 – 8 pm. The outing will feature the "Beat the Pro" contest, a chipping contest, longest drive contest and will also have the "best-dressed" team award. Last year, the event sold out, had over 40+ sponsors, and raised funds netting over \$50k to help the Y and support families that rely on financial assistance to attend the Y's programs.

The Community Strong mission is to raise funding for the 1 out of 5 participants at the North Suburban YMCA who receive financial assistance. The annual fundraiser raises about 50% of the \$500,000 in scholarship needs for the year. To date, the dinner has raised over \$4.5 million, helping over 2700 families per year receive the Y's programs and services.

Proud Event Sponsors include Allstate, Illinois Bone and Joint and Wintrust. Other sponsors include First Bank of Chicago, Sunset Foods, FGK Services, Tito's Handmade Vodka, Waterway Carwash, Ruby's Massage, Hill and Stone Insurance, Pulse Technology, The Lodge of Northbrook, Viso Graphics, WLS-FM, Q101-FM Abbie Lyman Travel and many more. Desserts donated Nothing Bundt Cakes Deerfield and Gails Brownies.

To learn more about the Community Strong Dinner and Golf Outing, visit <https://www.nsymca.org/community-strong-dinner> or contact Kim Nyren at knyren@nsymca.org. To purchase golf outing tickets or to be a Community Strong golf outing sponsor, visit at <https://www.nsymca.org/golf>

About the North Suburban YMCA

The North Suburban YMCA services Northbrook and 14 surrounding communities with programs and tools that help its residents become healthier, more connected, and confident, ensuring that everyone, regardless of age, income, or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. The NSYMCA focuses on Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility and is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, inclusive and welcoming to all in our community. Learn more at [NSYMCA.org](https://www.nsymca.org).



Caption: *The North Suburban YMCA annual Community Strong Fundraising Dinner will be held Friday, April 26 at Loft 21 in Lincolnshire; the Community Strong Golf Outing is schedule for July 18 at Chevy Chase Country Club.*



NSYMCA's Community Strong Fundraising Dinner hosted over 250 attendees in 2023, here is the Dining table at the 2023 event.



Caption: *Casino participants enjoy a game of craps at the The North Suburban YMCA annual Community Strong Fundraising Dinner and Casino Night from 2023.*