

he Southeast Ventura County YMCA has been serving the Simi Valley community since 1984. Its facility on the corner of Cochran Street and Galena Avenue welcomes people of all ages to participate and enjoy activities that help them grow and thrive together.

Simi Valley is a growing, active and thriving community of 125,000 residents and is now one of the most sought-after communities to raise a family or make the most out of retirement.

The current facility has served Simi Valley well over the years, however, it is no longer able to meet the community's evolving needs and interests. A modernized and enlarged Y facility is essential to achieve the vision of becoming a community hub where all members of the community can come together to recreate and engage with friends and community members.

YOUTH PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Programs:

- Youth and Governmen
- Swim Lessons
- Team Sports
- Art Classes
- Music Sossions
- Dance Classes
- Enrichment Classes
- Kids' Zone

Events:

- Breakfast with Santa
- Healthy Kids' Day
- Fall Festival & Trunk-or-Treat
- Movies on the Lawn
- Easter Egg Dash

A Call to Action

Youth in Simi Valley, as around the country, are facing unprecedented health challenges including mental health, declining fitness, rising obesity, poor nutrition and continuous learning recovery from the pandemic.

Adults are also experiencing health challenges including mental health, aging-related issues including diabetes, heart disease, stroke, loneliness and isolation.

The Simi Valley Family Y is well-positioned to help address these challenges and support youth and adults in pursuing their personal goals through:

- Physical fitness and sports
- Teaching healthy living and nutrition
- Fostering healthy relationships
- Support systems, safe spaces and the knowledge to meet the challenges of today

A market study conducted by the Y in 2022 found that there is not a centrally located community center where families and all members of the community are welcome and activities exist for all ages.

Findings of the report outlined tremendous growth potential in engaging youth and teens in recreation, sports and enrichment activities. Adults and seniors are seeking activities to help them reach their health and well-being goals and social engagement interests. A new gymnasium, multi-purpose rooms and updated facilities will be integral in providing these activities and creating a community hub for all.

The Simi Valley Family Y's new facility will have the potential to reach 3,000 or more households to welcome everyone. The new Y will serve as a community hub for health and wellbeing, partnering and collaborating with other organizations to meet the evolving needs of Simi Valley.

Mission Driven and Dedicated to Inclusion

MISSION STATEMENT: The Southeast Ventura County YMCA builds relationships, impacts lives and strengthens community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

All are welcome at the Y, where diversity is celebrated and the Y's values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility bind everyone together.

Supporting Youth and Families

- Meeting the evolving needs of today's families
- Supporting parents in balancing work and family life
- Partnering with families to foster healthy child development
- Strengthening school-community partnerships for youth success
- Expanding youth programs to address needs and interests





Caring for our Adults and Seniors

- Successfully re-engaged adults and seniors after the pandemic
- Provides a vital space for members to improve their health and well-being
- Highly valued by members for its positive impact on their lives
- Expanding program offerings to meet the evolving needs of our adult and senior members
- Creating a vibrant and supportive community for adults and seniors



Melinda and Chuck Carmichael

YMCA Capital Campaign Honorary Council YMCA Board of Directors

"The Simi Y has served our community for the last 30 years while the population of Simi has doubled.

Now it is time to build a bigger Y so MORE can come."





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Simi Valley High School Alumni and All American Basketball Player 1987 UCLA Alumni and All-Time Leading Scorer in the Pac-12 Conference 1992

"Growing up in Simi Valley, youth sports was a big part of my life. I'm excited that the Y is expanding its facility by adding a gymnasium, activity rooms and more. The new Y will help bring more families together thanks to all the programs the Y has to offer. I'm all in. Please join me and let's do this together!"

Responding to the Community's Growth

The need for Y programs and activities has exceeded the current facility's capacity and design. The new enlarged and renovated facility will grow the Y's footprint from its current 23,000 square foot facility to a projected 40,000 square foot spacious design. The new space will include:

Full-Size Gymnasium: The new gymnasium will host basketball, volleyball, pickleball and other activities in addition to youth, adult and senior exercise, recreation and special event activities.

Aquatics Center with Two Pools: The aquatics center will be modernized and continue to offer a large lap pool and warm water pool for swimming, family swim, swim lessons and water exercise classes.

Expanded Fitness Center with State-of-the-Art Equipment: The new center will expand the equipment and footprint from 2,384 to nearly 4,000 square feet. This will allow for more of a variety of cardio equipment and strength training machines for all interests and abilities. Personal training will be available to help participants reach their fitness and wellness goals.

Multi-Purpose Rooms: The new facility will host three new activity rooms of varying sizes for exercise and recreational activities for youth and adults. This will allow for more classes to meet the interests of the community.

Kids' Zone: The new facility will have a more spacious indoor and outdoor space for kids to play while their parents or guardians are given the opportunity to focus on themselves.

Locker Rooms: The expanded facility will include the addition of a Family Locker Room located by the pool that will have 7 individual changing rooms. Each will have its own toilet, shower and sink to create more comfort and privacy for members and participants of all ages.

Parking: The Y has acquired a license to use the property next door to the Y and will be converting it to additional parking. The current parking lot will be renovated to accommodate the growing number of families utilizing the facility. The beloved outdoor space for activities and community events will be retained.

Project Funding

- Project costs are projected at \$7.5 million.
- SEVC YMCA will allocate \$3 million toward the project from its capital development fund. To complete the project, the Y will conduct a \$2.5 million capital campaign inviting gifts from individuals, businesses and foundations. The remaining \$2 million will be sought from government funding and other sources.

ANTICIPATED PROJECT TIMELINE

January 2026: Construction Begins | 1st Quarter 2027: Grand Re-Opening



IMAGINE. INSPIRE. INVEST. Simi Valley Family YMCA Capital Expansion Project

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