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YMCA of Southwest Florida Opens its Branches as Community Hubs Following Hurricane Milton

VENICE, FL— (October 11, 2024) In the wake of Hurricane Milton, the YMCA of Southwest Florida is stepping up to support our community during this difficult time. YMCA of Southwest Florida announces that most of its branches are now open as Community Hubs, providing essential services and a welcoming space for those affected by the storm.

What We Offer:

- Showers: Clean up and refresh after the storm.
- Charging Stations: Power up your devices and stay connected with loved ones.
- Wi-Fi Access*: Stay informed and connected with our complimentary internet service.
- Shelter from the Elements: Enjoy a safe, comfortable space from harsh weather.

***Where Wi-Fi is Available**

Who Can Visit:

The Y welcomes all community members who need assistance. Please bring a valid photo ID to help us ensure a safe environment for everyone. No YMCA Membership is necessary.

Location & Hours:

Operating YMCA branches are open daily; for specific branch locations and additional information, please visit your local YMCA's Facebook page or the YMCA of Southwest Florida's mobile app.

The Y continues to actively assess the safety of all YMCA of Southwest Florida branches. As additional branches are cleared and powered, we will continue to open our doors to our communities across Southwest Florida.

The YMCA supports you, provides comfort, and helps our community heal.

For more information on the YMCA of Southwest Florida, community members are encouraged to contact Jamie Browning, Vice President of Development, at JBrowning@ymcaswfl.org.

About YMCA of Southwest Florida

YMCA of Southwest Florida is a leading non-profit strengthening the Southwest Florida community through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. Driven by its founding mission, the Y has been a leading non-profit committed to strengthening the community for over 175 years. The Y empowers everyone, no matter who they are or where they're from, by ensuring access to resources, relationships, and opportunities for all to learn, grow and thrive. By bringing together people from different backgrounds, perspectives, and generations, the Y aims to improve overall health and well-being, ignite youth empowerment, and demonstrate the importance of connections in and across Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Desoto, Hendry, and Glades Counties.