



### **2024 Case Statement Program Focus**

**Partnering to build capacity:** Not only do families need safe care when their children are not in school, even the school districts need help with camps in a major way. We have been approached to provide winter, spring and summer care for hundreds more students than usual due to parental need and lack of school capacity. ***Four Square church is helping us accommodate the 2024 capacity for these children so no child will be turned away due to lack of space.*** Additionally, we are partnering with OUSD and GUSD and now SMBSD to provide swim lessons during school days so we can teach more lifesaving swim lessons to hundreds of students throughout the school year.

**Social Emotional Wellness (SEW):** The Y is proactively addressing and responding to the behavioral challenges in after school, camp and childcare settings. We are training staff to specifically address the current ‘pandemic’ of mental wellness for our youth. These students are struggling to reintegrate into the social constructs of school and society in general. CALM is training dozens of our staff with mental and emotional coping tools to better care for and address behaviors with hundreds of children our Y staff work with every day on several different school campuses and at the Y.

**RiseUP:** These kids are now more in the shadows and at higher risk of gang involvement and dropping out of school than ever. We will continue to bring them in, handpicked by their principals, and provide them with an educational experience and a ‘bridge’ into the Hancock College Bulldog program to secure the educational futures, no matter the odds.

**Y Preschool:** The Y is offering scholarships and quality, licensed preschool care so families may go back to work and know their littles are cared for, educated and safe. There is a high need for preschool and financial aid raised from this campaign is highly needed for the early development of these little people.

**Because of you we can offer financial scholarships to those who need us the most. And boy do they!** Thank you for making so much possible for so many. Please take care of yourselves and one another. Our community is more than ready to reconnect. We’re delighted to be the catalyst for creating a stronger net for all.