



# TEXAS STATE ALLIANCE

## Quarterly Email Newsletter

### A LETTER FROM THE ALLIANCE CHAIR, TONY SHUMAN



**TONY SHUMAN**

As the year comes to a close, our Texas Ys will continue to focus on ways to strengthen our communities. As always, we appreciate the continued dedication to these priorities from volunteers and advocates like you. Your support is vital to our Y mission of fostering youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

During the fall and winter seasons, YMCAs put our cause-driven giving in overdrive. There were many events centered around providing food for the less fortunate, blanket drives to provide warmth, and charitable 5k races where the proceeds went back within the community.

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### YMCA OF METROPOLITAN DALLAS

Thanksgiving marked the 51st annual Dallas YMCA Turkey Trot. Over 23,000 runners, 900 dogs, 1,000 volunteers and runners from 47 states and 11 countries started the holiday by running or walking with their friends and neighbors.

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### TEXAS YMCAS

Abilene  
Arlington-Mansfield Area  
Austin Metro  
Big Spring • Central TX  
Coastal Bend • Corsicana  
Dallas Metro • El Paso  
Fort Worth Metro  
Golden Crescent  
Hereford • Houston Metro  
Kerr County • Midland  
Moore County • Odessa  
Palestine • Plainview  
San Angelo • San Antonio  
Metro  
Southeast Texas  
Wichita Falls Metro  
Williamson County





## **FREEZE YOUR BUNS 5K RACE**

The YMCA of Palestine hosted the 5th Annual Freeze Your Buns 5k race. Thank you to the Grinch and the Whooville Whoos from the Grinch's Lair at The Texas Jailhouse. Big thank you to Chuck Eldridge at Palestine Toyota for loaning us a very nice new Toyota Tundra to pull the Palestine YMCA's Float!

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## **43RD ANNUAL YMCA OF EL PASO TURKEY TROT**

1,500 family and friends joined each other Thanksgiving morning at the 42nd Annual YMCA Turkey Trot along the Sun Bowl Parade Route.

Starting from humble beginnings in 1977, the Turkey Trot has grown into the undisputed "Way to Begin Thanksgiving Day."

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## WELCOME NEW CEO STEPHEN IVES

YMCA of Greater Houston has appointed Stephen Ives as its new President and Chief Executive Officer. Ives comes to the YMCA of Greater Houston from the YMCA of Central Ohio (Columbus), where he served as President and CEO since 2015. The YMCA of Central Ohio is amongst the 25 largest Y's in the country.

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## YMCA OF AUSTIN AWARDED \$14,200 GRANT

Nearly 800 Manor ISD 4th graders will engage in hands-on conservation and environmental education during the 2017-2018 school year due to a recent grant awarded to the YMCA of Austin. The Applied Materials Foundation's grant of \$14,200 will fund the launch of Project WILD.

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## ..... SAVE THE DATE .....

### STATE ADVOCACY DAYS

What: State Advocacy Days  
When: January 24th-25th  
Where: Texas State Capitol  
  
Registration is now open.

**REGISTER HERE**

### BECOME A Y ADVOCATE

Advocates are the backbone of any cause-driven organization. Please join the YMCA's advocacy network.

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