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FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
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# **COMMUNITY AT OUR CORE**

## **2024 National Advocacy Days Priorities**

The Y effects global change from the ground up. Together, we help young people develop into tomorrow's leaders, we help everyone improve their health and well-being and we strive to create equitable communities for all. Our legislative priorities support federal investments in places and programs that are open to people of all generations, backgrounds and perspectives, and that expand access to the resources, opportunities and relationships that everyone needs to thrive.

### **Support the highest level of funding possible for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG).**

**Access to quality, affordable child care enables parents to work and pursue education or training opportunities, helps to ensure that employers have the workforce they need, and supports the education and healthy development of youth.**

- CCDBG funds support each state's child care subsidy program, helping to make quality early childhood and afterschool programs more affordable for low- and moderate-income families. Increased funding will shore up the nation's child care infrastructure and help ensure that families have access to this critical community resource.

**Support the highest level of funding possible for CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.** These funds will advance evidence-based strategies that prevent and control the chronic diseases impacting 6 and 10 Americans and will help curb health spending, since 90% of health care spending goes to treat those living with chronic disease.

- CDC's Chronic Disease Center funds proven state and local strategies that address the nation's leading causes of death and disability: heart disease, cancer, obesity, stroke, arthritis and diabetes. This funding supports local Y efforts to scale evidence-based prevention programs and advance innovative strategies to address the human and economic needs impacting health outcomes in underserved areas.

**Support nonprofits and save taxpayers money by cosponsoring the Charitable Act (H.R. 3435 / S.566).** In addition to supporting nonprofits, increased charitable donations would lessen the burden on government programs, saving taxpayers money while at the same time ensuring that our country retains a strong and independent civil society.

- This bipartisan legislation would restore the charitable deduction for non-itemizing taxpayers and increase the cap to one-third of the standard deduction (approximately \$4,600 for individuals and \$9,200 for joint filers).

**Increase access to essential services in rural areas by supporting the Investing in Rural America Act (H.R. 4736).** This bipartisan bill would reinstate a pilot program in the Farm Bill to provide capital resources for building and renovation in rural communities for child care centers, education institutions, hospitals and more.

- The bill restores and codifies farm credit institutions' eligibility to finance rural facilities in partnership with local lenders and USDA's Community Facilities Loan and Grant Program.