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MEDIA ALERT
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YMCA and AdaptABLE Foundation Hosting Inclusive BBQ Event

Free and open to the public, June 28, 2025, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Tomlinson South Meridian YMCA

Meridian, Idaho – Families and children of all abilities are invited to join the AdaptABLE Foundation and the YMCA for a summer afternoon of connection and fun with families who understand the joys and challenges of different abilities at the Better Together Family Picnic.

This event will feature an opportunity for swimming in the YMCA pool from 11 a.m.-noon and then an outdoor picnic and play time from noon-2 p.m. A free meal will be provided for all attendees, plus splash pad access and games using latex-free water balloons.

WHAT: Better Together Family Picnic

WHEN: Saturday, June 28, 2025

TIME: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

WHERE: Tomlinson South Meridian YMCA (5515 S. Hillsdale Ave, Meridian)

"The Better Together Family Picnic is more than just a summer barbecue, it's a celebration of inclusion, community, and the joy of shared experiences," said Andrea Parker, THRIVE Director at the YMCA. "We're proud to partner with the AdaptABLE Foundation to create a welcoming space and host events like these where families and family members of all abilities can connect, play, and feel supported."

We hope you'll join us!

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ABOUT THE TREASURE VALLEY FAMILY YMCA

Established in 1891, the [Treasure Valley Family YMCA](https://ymcatvidaho.org) (the Y) is a cause-driven, nonprofit organization that works to strengthen the foundation of our community by developing successful youth, engaging people in healthy living, and instilling a commitment to social responsibility. Annually, it operates over 100 programs that serve more than 110,000 youth and families throughout its 4 facilities, 440-acre summer camp, and more than 30 child development sites. The Y believes all people deserve the chance to achieve their highest potential: therefore, it does not turn anyone away due to an inability to pay. The Treasure Valley Family YMCA provides more than \$5 million in financial assistance every year to ensure access to resources, relationships, and opportunities for all to learn, grow and thrive. Learn more at ymcatvidaho.org.

ABOUT THE ADAPTABLE FOUNDATION

The AdaptABLE mission is to improve the lives of individuals with adaptive needs by providing them with the resources, tools, and support they need to achieve their full potential. We strive to promote inclusion, dignity, and independence for all people, regardless of their abilities, and to ensure that they are valued and respected members of our community. Learn more at <https://www.adaptablefoundation.org/>.

About THRIVE at the YMCA

THRIVE encompasses inclusive YMCA programming and a dedicated THRIVE center designed to support neurodiverse children and young adults through community-driven, goal-focused experiences. At THRIVE, we believe in **Together Helping Realize Inclusive Victories Everyday**. With caring staff and a commitment to belonging, THRIVE helps individuals learn and grow in a safe, welcoming environment. Learn more at <https://ymcatvidaho.org/facilities/thrive-adaptive-spaces/>