

Back to Mayberry to benefit Clinton YMCA

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On Friday, February 8, the Clinton Family YMCA will host its 5th annual *Back to Mayberry* theater event, an annual fundraiser to build awareness for the Clinton YMCA's youth programs.

Set for 6 p.m. at Morrison Height Baptist Church, the show will be performed by the Mayberry Ministries, a local group that has been performing stage versions of *The Andy Griffith Show* for over twenty-five years.

Organizers say the event will be fun for the whole family and tie in with the YMCA's Christian beliefs.

Guests can enjoy Aunt Bee's fancy sweets and desserts at the family-friendly live performances. In addition, this year's event will have a special Valentine's twist.

The Clinton Family YMCA is a long-standing community organization that provides after-school care, summer camp, swimming lessons, swim team, summer feeding, archery and T-Ball to all community children, including those families who cannot afford the services.

In addition, the Clinton YMCA offers free adult beginner swim classes, a weekly Bible study, a free twice-weekly boot camp, lifeguard certification courses, soccer camps

(through a partnership with Brilla) and CPR/First Aid certifications.

"When people hear 'YMCA,' they automatically think, 'Oh, yea - a gym, aerobic classes...,'" said Clinton YMCA Operations Director Misty Collier. "That doesn't even come close to what the Y is. We are more than a gym. We offer programs that serve all ages so that everyone can become more confident, healthier, and grow in spirit, mind and body."

Tickets for the *Back to Mayberry* event are \$20 each and can be purchased at the Clinton YMCA. For those who cannot get by the YMCA in person to buy a ticket, tickets can be reserved by calling 601-924-5812.

"We want everyone to remember that

all proceeds from this event go directly to the Clinton YMCA's programs,"

said Collier. "This is a great way to show support for your city."



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