



Client Success story

YMCA of Delaware Sees Millions in Cost Avoidance in Over a Decade with Brightly

Client

Christopher Ryan, Group Vice President, Buildings and Properties for YMCA of Delaware

Geography

Wilmington, DE

Vitals

- 9 locations across the state, seasonal camps and a resident camp

Challenges

Centralizing all facilities operations without an organized system for tracking work requests, energy use, etc

Results

New organization, efficiency and savings with an established system for work orders, preventive maintenance, energy management and more

Vitals

- More than \$1.5 million in operations savings through cost avoidance
- 26% reduction in energy costs over a 10-year period

For more than 12 years, Chris Ryan has been building his workday around Dude Solutions. And he's seen some significant savings over the years. As the Group Vice President, Buildings and Properties at YMCA of Delaware, Dude Solutions' software is key to staying organized and efficient. It's allowed him to achieve:

- More than \$1.5 million in operations savings
- \$263,000 under budget on facilities operating expenses in 2017
- 26% reduction in energy costs compared to 2008
- 10% reduction in total electric use from 2010-2016
- 5% reduction in total gas use from 2015-2017

When Chris started with the Y, he was hired to centralize all the facilities operations across the organization.

"What I walked into was each branch operating independently from a facilities perspective. There was no consistency in programming, staffing, supplies, maintenance operations, PM," Chris says. "It was a challenging task that required a significant amount of change, culturally and operationally."

Chris says they had no method for tracking, controlling or managing, basic corrective work requests – "all the things that a facility maintenance software can achieve for an organization." This led to a lot of frustrations organizationally about follow-through and timeliness of completion.

Thankfully, leadership supported making a change and implementing new technology.

Selecting Software

When it came time to select a software provider, Chris pulled from his past experience with Dude Solutions for Education, formerly SchoolDude, even though he's had experience with about 6 different facility management software systems.

"It's extremely intuitive and easy to use. And it's easy to implement for that reason," Chris says of why they chose The Dude. "The way you set up your locations, branches, users – it's all very user friendly and uncomplicated to set up, implement and train on. For people with no experience with this type of software, it's very easy for them to utilize."

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Some Serious Stats

The difference between before The Dude and after is clear, as Chris points out.

In 2007, when they first implemented their work request system through The Dude, they completed 3,744 work requests. **In 2018, they completed 11,209, an almost 3x increase.** Overall, they've completed more than 70,000 work requests within the system.

"Every year this organization has completed more work requests and been far more productive than the prior year," he says.

In fact, in 2017, 96% of their corrective work orders (those submitted by staff) were completed on time, which ranks in the top 2% of best performing YMCAs in the world.

Improving their preventive maintenance program has made a big impact in those numbers, Chris says. "We've become more proactive and preventive over the years."

Smartly Saving Energy

And it doesn't stop with maintenance. Chris has used Dude Solutions' utility tracking software to help them save significantly when it comes to their energy costs and efficiencies.

From being \$189,000 under budget on utility expenses in 2017 to reducing total gas and electric use, Dude Solutions is helping YMCA of Delaware better understand their energy use so they can save.

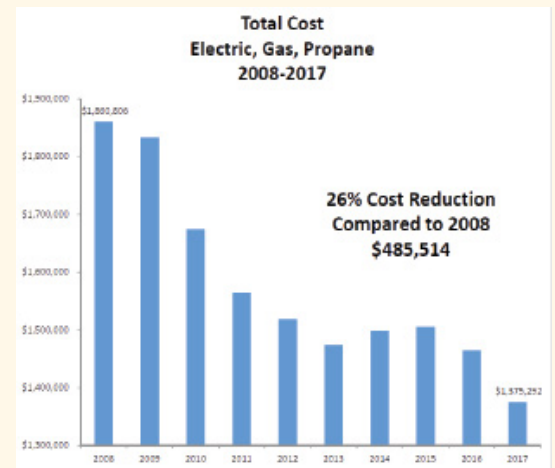
Chris uses the data from the system to see which locations are more or less efficient and make budgetary decisions from that data.

"I have shown significant and drastic reductions in energy from year to year," he says.

Data Drives Annual Report

Speaking of gathering data, Chris not only uses his data out of Dude Solutions to make daily decisions, but also to create his annual report.

This is a 25+ page report filled with useful information, graphs, KPIs, savings, photos and project details that he presents annually to the board and each individual location's board. He has improved the reports over the years by presenting information more visually, using Dude Solutions data intelligence tool to grab charts and graphs.



A graph from Chris's annual report showing a decline in energy costs



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A set of project images from the annual report

“The information that I have in [the software] helps me explain to the organization what is actually going on,” Chris says.

He not only uses the data to support his team and praise their productivity, but he can also make critical operations decisions from it. For example, he tracks all work orders by craft to help understand how many HVAC

or pool-related requests they generate and complete. This is useful information if they have an opportunity to add resources or staffing, so they can know right where they need help.

“If you put good information in, you can extract good information,” he says.

In the software, Chris tracks the following KPIs at each location or branch (some for more than a decade):

- Supply cost/sq. ft. or member
- Repair supply cost/sq. ft. or member
- Salary cost/sq. ft.
- Total facility cost/sq. ft.
- Electric and gas use

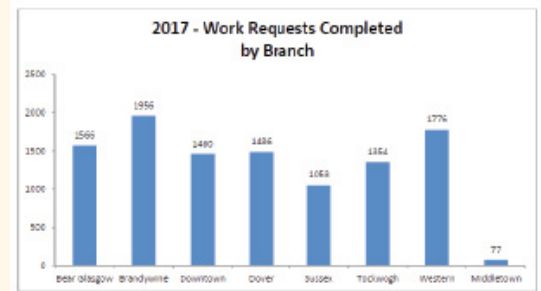
One more thing

One more reason why they’ve chosen to stay with The Dude for the long term is the level of support.

“Dude Solutions has been my number-one rated outsourced vendor that I’ve worked with in my career,” Chris says. “The level of support is unparalleled in the industry.”

From calling support to using the chat feature, Chris and his team have benefitted from the quick help.

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A set of graphs from Chris’s annual report showing work completed in 2017

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