

WHY IT MATTERS



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

2023 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN TESTIMONIALS TRUE STORIES FROM YMCA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



IN DIFFICULT TIMES

"My family and I became homeless in August of 2023. I was informed that my children could attend the before school program through the YMCA so my children did not have to wait outside in the elements or be stuck sitting in the school office before school started. My children feel much better and it helps to provide more stability and familiarity, lessening the impact of this trauma. To those who contributed financially to help make this all possible, thank you and God bless you."



IN TIMES OF TRAGEDY

"My wife tragically passed away suddenly in May. She was the cornerstone of our family. The unexpected expenses and arrangements drained our savings and I am struggling to make sure my kids have what they need. The Y reached out and helped with before and after school care for my children. Without this help, I would have had to quit my job and find another way to make money to support my family in this tragic time. The YMCA offered a scholarship for YMCA Summer Day Camp as well. This helps make sure my kids are comfortable while we try to figure out how to navigate without such a vital person in our lives. I greatly appreciate all the YMCA has done for us. Thank you and God bless."



GIVING A HELPING HAND

"We have again experienced the magic of this special, magical place (YMCA Camp Kern). Every single time Uma comes home from one of your camps, she is more confident, poised and happy. What a beautiful gift to receive. We are so grateful to you for our scholarship. We love the staff and location. Words cannot express our gratitude."

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