WHY IT MATTERS

the YMCA

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

2026 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN TESTIMONIALS

TRUE STORIES FROM YMCA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

GAINING CONFIDENCE

"The financial assistance program has given my daughter opportunities she might not have had otherwise. She was able to participate in YMCA swim lessons, where she gained confidence while learning an important life skill. Seeing her grow in the same place that helped me rebuild my own life has been incredibly meaningful."

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

"After taking custody of my 7-year-old granddaughter, I changed jobs to better care for her, leaving us with less income and more expenses. Our YMCA membership gives her opportunities to swim, play sports, and try new things while helping me stay healthy. Most importantly, it gives us something fun and positive to do together as we adjust to this new chapter in our lives."

ENCOURAGING ACTIVITY

"After my Parkinson's diagnosis, I found encouragement and a way to stay active through Rock Steady Boxing at the YMCA, and I love telling friends I'm taking boxing lessons at age 72! Our caring trainer and the friendships I've built have made this program about so much more than exercise. We learn from one another, support each other through challenges, and celebrate together."

SUPPORT & BELONGING

"The Y's one-on-one swim lessons helped our son, who has Lamb-Shaffer Syndrome, learn to swim and gain confidence and independence through the patience and encouragement of his instructor, Tabitha. From swim lessons to family activities, each of our four children has found opportunities to learn, grow, and have fun. Most meaningful of all, the Y has given our family a community where we feel welcomed, supported, and celebrated."

Contributions from donors like you are instrumental in helping us create a positive impact and foster a healthier, more connected community.

