



The Taylor Family

# GIVE FOR ALL

"My best memories of camp are making forever friends and the meaningful closing ceremony," reflects Ronesha Taylor, a former camper and current camp parent.

When provided an opportunity for a camp scholarship for her three boys, Ronesha jumped at the chance. She had a unique goal in mind for each of them. She hoped Trealla would build confidence and learn to speak up for himself; Trayveon would try new things and push himself; and Travis would learn problem-solving and patience with himself.

On the ride home, she learned they exceeded those goals! "The stories keep on coming," she shared, "and the main lesson they all learned is how to effectively work with people and be more confident in themselves in new settings." This experience has connected Ronesha and her children in a new way as they share their camp stories.

Ronesha wants people to know that camp is for everyone! If she could share one message with others, it would be, "call - they are going to make it work. Camp Potawotami wants to serve your family and help your children have an amazing camp experience." The Taylor family is thankful for the opportunity to attend, which was made possible through the Annual Campaign."

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Staff at YMCA Camp Potawotami focus on the A, B, C's of camping. We work to increase the sense of accomplishment and belonging within campers while teaching positive character traits and values.

**ACCOMPLISHMENT** – Campers gain a sense of accomplishment by trying new activities and developing skills. Real world achievements raise the self-confidence and self-esteem of each camper.

**BELONGING** – New friendships help campers experience a sense of belonging. Sharing a cabin with fellow campers builds friendships and teamwork. Each person is a valued part of the community.

**CHARACTER** – Campers develop character as they grow through new challenges. Camp emphasizes learning, growing and doing your best.

## Through Your Generosity, Together We Will:

- Ensure that life-enriching overnight summer camp is available to all young people.
- Increase campers' sense of accomplishment and belonging while they learn positive character traits.
- Give kids a chance to unplug from technology, make friends and fully experience the benefits of outdoors.



# Your Gift In Action

Every dollar donated to the YMCA Camp Potawatami Annual Campaign has a lasting impact on our community. On average, 98% of campers reside in Allen County.

In 2022 financial assistance allowed 168 youth to experience all that summer overnight camp has to offer.

**\$98** Provides a weeklong SCUBA lesson.

**\$130** Provides horseback riding lessons.

**\$161** Helps a child experience one overnight at camp.

**\$475** Deepens a teenager's character through 1 week at Y Teen Leadership overnight camp.

**\$806** Sends 1 child to a week of overnight summer camp where they build self-confidence and increase self esteem.

The YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

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