On September 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico. For many people the loss of homes along with a shortage of drinking water and food became a reality. Lines for water were endless and the only food that was available was distributed in cans.

Brenda, along with her husband Chris, decided to leave Puerto Rico with their family. After two months of trying to secure the money for the expensive trip, they arrived in the United States.

At first, the family was separated as Chris traveled to Indiana to look for work while the rest of the family remained in Florida. After a month, he finally secured a job at Pretzels, Inc. After three months of working a lot of overtime, they were finally reunited in Bluffton.

The change of moving from Puerto Rico to Indiana had its challenges and adjustments to the way of life they were used to. It was recommended after therapy, that one of their children be able to play with other kids. They were so excited to hear about the YMCA and the financial assistance that was available. Now their children have a safe place to play and Brenda is appreciative of the community of wellness surrounding her and her family.

Your Gift In Action

Every dollar donated to the Caylor-Nickel Fdn. Family YMCA Annual Campaign has a lasting impact on our community. 1,379 people participated at the Y because of financial assistance in 2019.

- **$100** Gets a child off the couch and into 2 weeks of fun, friendship, and memories at 1/2 day summer camp.
- **$175** Keeps 1 kid safe and confident around water through a year of swim lessons.
- **$300** Sponsors participation for half of a youth basketball team where kids learn teamwork and sportsmanship.
- **$525** Helps an older adult stay connected with friends and become healthy at the Y.
- **$1,500** Prepares a child for academic success with a positive learning experience and meaningful relationships during 10 weeks at the Early Learning Center.
- **$2,500** Inspires 1 class of 10 cancer survivors to gain strength and reclaim wellness through LiveStrong® at the Y.

>>> Your donation goes directly to help families like Chris & Brenda Cruz
Through Your Generosity, Together We Will:

- Nurture children in a safe, educational environment in our Early Learning Center.
- Give youth hope and older adults purpose through meaningful connections with their community.
- Provide opportunities for everyone to participate at the Y, regardless of their age, income or background.

## Donor Giving Levels

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