



Maxwell Family

GIVE FOR A BETTER US

Y

Youth Development

All kids deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve, under the guidance of caring adults who believe in their potential. We see every interaction with young people as an opportunity for learning and development—all grounded in the Y's core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

H

Healthy Living

We help people and families build and maintain habits that improve their everyday lives. By helping kids, adults, families and seniors from all walks of life improve their health and well-being, we build a stronger community.

S

Social Responsibility

With our doors open to all, we bring together people from all backgrounds, to support those in need. We take on the most urgent needs in our community and inspire a spirit of service in return. Our members, volunteers, supporters and staff demonstrate the power of what we can achieve by giving back together.

>>> Your donation goes directly to help families like the Maxwells.

When the Maxwell family applied for financial assistance two years ago, they struggled to walk through the doors and ask for help. They knew the YMCA would benefit their family, and they knew they couldn't afford the full price, but it was hard to ask for assistance. That day, Tara promised to pay it forward someday when she was financially able. In 2019 when they first applied, Tara was in nursing school full time, commuting between Valparaiso and Fort Wayne during the week and working nights at Parkview on the weekends.

Since joining the Y, the family has enjoyed their time together using the pool and the track. Jason and Tara enjoy taking classes, both group exercise and water. Their kids love playing basketball in the gym and using the cardio and weight equipment. "What we love about the Y is there is something for our whole family at one location and, we feel safe letting our teen son go on his own."

Recently, Tara graduated from nursing school and is now a Nurse Family Partnership nurse helping first-time moms. Their family no longer needs financial assistance. This November, Tara made good on the promise she made two years ago. She called the Central Branch and arranged to pay for another family who needed assistance for the next two years. Tara was overwhelmed with joy when being told about the family she would help, and the family gifted the membership was blown away that a stranger would want to pay for them for two years.

Your Gift In Action

Every dollar donated to the Central Branch/Skyline YMCA Annual Campaign has a lasting impact on our community. In 2021, 7,451 people participated at the Y because of financial assistance.

\$80 Provides childcare while a parent learns English as their second language.

\$210 Keeps 1 child safe and confident around water through a year of swim lessons.

\$275 Helps 2 teenagers deepen their character as part of leadership training at the YMCA Teen Summit.

\$600 Helps an older adult stay connected with friends and become healthy at the Y.

\$1,250 Provides 10 girls with an 8-week program where they learn how to deal with social and emotional challenges, gain confidence, and fellowship with women in the community

\$2,500 Inspires 1 class of 10 cancer survivors to gain strength and reclaim wellness through LiveStrong® at the YMCA.

Through Your Generosity, Together We Will:

- Cultivate the character of tomorrow's leaders as they participate in youth and government programs that emphasize the importance of seeing different viewpoints.
- 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.



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