



GIVE FOR A BETTER US

By helping youth access the Y, you:

- Give vulnerable youth hope for their future through **crisis intervention services**.
- Cultivate the character of tomorrow's leaders through **leadership development and career readiness programs**.
- Provide personal growth through opportunities for achievements, connections and **character development**.
- Ensure opportunities for all young people to participate at the Y, regardless of age, income or background.

Youth who participate at the Y experience more than a gym – they gain a key to their future.

When Tameya came to the YMCA Youth Service Bureau, she was very frustrated and defiant toward most people, especially her family. A toxic relationship with her family caused her to isolate herself. Financial struggles at home and expectations from her parents made her feel like she had to work whenever she wasn't in school and that added to her resentment. The situation seemed hopeless which caused her to become increasingly agitated.

Her Youth Advocate, Miriam, had to be patient as Tameya learned to trust. Overtime, Tameya began to share her feelings and what she wanted for her future. Family members were invited to participate in the process which allowed them all to gain skills that improved their relationships.

By working with Miriam, Tameya realized that she had a voice and greater potential. She discovered a love for singing through show choir. Tameya began focusing more on her studies and then graduated from high school with honors. Tameya is enrolled at the University of St. Francis, a top nursing school. She sees a future for herself now and wants to help others.

"I enjoyed working with Myriam because she showed me that she really cared and actually wanted to help. She taught me to communicate how I feel and find healthy ways to overcome my anger."

Your Gift In Action

Every donation to the YMCA Annual Campaign has a powerful impact on the youth from our community.

\$145	Allows a child to accomplish new things, build friendships and develop character at a week of summer day camp.
\$250	Prevents 1 youth from becoming a victim of sex trafficking.
\$300	Sponsors half a youth basketball team where kids learn teamwork and sportsmanship.
\$768	Sends 1 child to a week of overnight summer camp where they build self-confidence and increase self-esteem.
\$1,300	Provides a teen with one year of structured after school activities, healthy snacks and homework help.
\$2,500	Mentors and supports a troubled adolescent for 1 year, helping them address childhood trauma, gain confidence and focus on high school graduation.

Through your generosity,
together we will equip
youth and teens to reach
their greatest potential
by engaging them with
impactful programs and
caring adults.



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Please remember the Y in your will or living trust to ensure that we continue to strengthen community.

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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