



Nichole and James

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The contribution of the Y reaches far beyond access to a gym.

The YMCA Youth Service Bureau

- ...supports our areas most vulnerable youth
- ...works to get kids back on track to graduate from high school
- ...gives at-risk adolescents tools they need to grow into thriving adults

The Renaissance Pointe YMCA

- ...provides activities such as reading, arts and music while nurturing teens in a safe environment
- ...helps kids cultivate relationships in School Age Child Care programs that lead to positive behaviors
- ...feeds hungry youth throughout the summer with free meal programs

YMCA Camp Potawatami

- ...teaches kids positive character traits in a fun environment
- ...builds friendships between campers as they learn new skills
- ...emphasizes learning, growing and doing your best

Without financial assistance, many children, families and adults would not be able to experience the programs offered at these YMCA branches. Your gift of any amount makes a difference.

Every student who comes to the YMCA Youth Service Bureau (YSB) has a unique story.

Sometimes challenges and obstacles overwhelm a young person attempting to navigate life. For Nichole, it was emotional stress and challenging family dynamics that pushed her to make negative choices. Reeling from the death of her grandmother while trying to forge a relationship with her biological father proved to be too much and created feelings of anxiety and hopelessness.

"When Nichole was 13 years old, she began leaving home without permission. I would search for her for days. When she was arrested for running away and taken to the Allen County Juvenile Center (ACJC), she was assigned to the YMCA's Status Offender Court Alternative Program (SOCAP). James McFadden became her YMCA Youth Advocate and met with her consistently and encouraged her to do her best," said Nichole's mom, Tonya.

"When Nichole came to the program, it was clear she had a lot of great qualities, but needed to focus on valuing herself. Unwavering support from her mother gave Nichole the push she needed to start engaging in the program. This was when she began to see her own potential, not only as a student, but also as a person," stated James. Through the YSB Nichole learned about healthy relationships and the dangers of human trafficking. Nichole has been an active leader with her peers during sessions, allowed herself to be vulnerable and establish trust within the group.

"A lot has changed since she came to YSB. She has good grades, participates in choir and played high school volleyball. Thanks to SOCAP and James, Nichole has a bright future," says Nichole's mom, Tonya.

Your Gift In Action

Every dollar donated to the YMCA Annual Campaign has a lasting impact on our community.

\$130	Gets a child off the couch and into a week of fun, friendship, and memories at summer day 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.
\$685	Sends 1 child to a week of overnight summer camp where they build self-confidence and increase self-esteem.
\$1,250	Provides a teen with one year of structured after school activities, healthy snacks and homework help.
\$2,500	Inspires 1 class of 10 cancer survivors to gain strength and reclaim wellness thru LiveStrong® at the YMCA.

Through Your Generosity, Together We Will:

- Give our areas most vulnerable youth hope for their future.
- Ensure that life-enriching overnight camp is available to all young people.
- Continue to provide opportunities for everyone to participate at the Y, regardless of their age, income or background.



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Benefactor	\$500 – \$999
President's Round Table	\$1,000 – \$1,999
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Champion	\$8,000-\$14,999

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