



The Thomas Family

"In January of this year, I was diagnosed with cancer at age 38. I took a hiatus from work, ultimately leaving the industry I had been in for the past 21 years. My family and I were worried about finances, and our small cushion was rapidly deteriorating. I did not have disability insurance and paid for insurance out of my pocket to ensure I had coverage during my treatments.

My oncologist recommended swimming as therapy for my leg. However, we could not afford the cost of a YMCA membership. When we explained our situation to the Parkview YMCA staff, they were able to reduce the membership fees to a price we could afford. I was told this financial assistance was possible through the generous donations given by community members.

Through our membership, we began using Child Watch, and the staff was amazing, watching our children so that my wife and I could exercise together as the tumors in my leg started dissipating. The front desk staff was always so friendly when we came in, and every staff member we met came to know us and our story and treated us with so much kindness.

To the staff and donors - thank you from the bottom of my heart. We would not have been able to join the Y without your support, and my journey to rehabilitate my leg may have taken longer had I not had access to the wonderful facilities. Thank you all so much!"

-The Thomas Family

GIVE FOR ALL

GIVE FOR Youth Development

We nurture the potential of every child and teen. Young people learn positive values, explore their unique talents and realize what they can achieve. We help youth find purpose and lead inspired, successful lives.

GIVE FOR Healthy Living

We improve health and well-being. Families and individuals adopt positive habits that improve the quality of life. We support people of all ages and backgrounds to cultivate a healthy spirit, mind and body which leads to stronger communities.

GIVE FOR Social Responsibility

With our doors open to all, we inspire generosity and action in our communities. We bring our community together to support those in need. We inspire a spirit of service and working together to help others and give back.

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.



Your Gift In Action

Every dollar donated to the YMCA Annual Campaign has a lasting impact on our community.
In 2022, 5,789 additional people participated at the Parkview Y because of financial assistance.

\$160 Gets 1 child into a week of fun, friendship, and memories at summer day camp.

\$210 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.

\$636 Helps an older adult stay connected with friends and become healthy at the Y.

\$1,440 Provides a teen with 9 weeks of summer day camp where they will build confidence through service projects and hands on leadership experiences.

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

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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