



Thida with her children and parents

# GIVE FOR A BETTER US

In 2011, Thida Winn moved with her husband to the United States from Japan as a Burmese refugee. After arriving, they had two children, Henry and Alyssa. A few years later, her husband passed away. Without friends and family nearby, she needed childcare support to go to work and to attend school to further her education. She wanted to join a small community, which she found at the Renaissance Pointe YMCA. She sees the YMCA as a safe, welcoming, and healthy place to meet friends and feel part of the community.

Thida highly values the ability to have healthy activities outside the home. The physical and social components are essential to her and her kids. Like many moms, she joined the YMCA to make sure her kids don't get bored, and she didn't want her kids addicted to screen time. She wanted her kids to participate in positive activities and have a healthy place to spend time together.

As a widowed single mother, the YMCA's financial assistance allows her to balance her life with the YMCA programming and childcare support. When she is done with school and gets a higher-paying job, she looks forward to paying the standard rates at the YMCA. For now, the financial assistance enables her to live a higher quality of life and provide resources for her family.

If someone was interested in joining the Y, Thida says, "Young moms should join the YMCA. Go do it for yourself, gain support for yourself, and be a support to others in the community. The YMCA is for everyone!"

## 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 people like Thida.

## Your Gift In Action

**Every dollar donated to the Renaissance Pointe YMCA Annual Campaign has a lasting impact on our community. In 2021, 7,858 people participated at the Y because of financial assistance which means 9 out of 10 people received financial assistance.**

**\$145**

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.

**\$600**

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

**\$1,250**

Provides a teen with one year of structured afterschool activities, healthy snacks and homework help.

**\$2,500**

Inspires 1 class of 10 cancer survivors to gain strength and reclaim wellness through LiveStrong® at the Y.

## Through Your Generosity, Together We Will:

- Nurture children and teens in a safe, educational environment in our after school programs.
- Feed hot, nutritious meals to hungry youth during the summer to keep them growing in spirit, mind, and body.
- Provide opportunities for everyone to participate at the Y, regardless of their age, income or background.



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