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FOR HEALTHY LIVING
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YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne
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Dear Members,

As we enter the spring season, I would like to say thank you to our members, program participants and stakeholders for supporting this great organization. The YMCA is one of the largest and strongest non-profits in our area which is a great testament to our patrons, staff and volunteers. Our mission and our cause are always at the forefront of everything we do.

I would like to update you on two strategic priorities which I mentioned last year.

The first is volunteerism. In order to impact our community in a greater way we began asking our members to consider volunteering in the community through the YMCA. We partnered with Neighborlink, which focuses on helping neighbors through volunteerism. Our strategy was to harness the power of our membership in order to give back to others and to strengthen the community. I am happy to report that in 2018 we completed 65 service projects, engaging 180 volunteers. This is a great example of supporting our mission of putting Christian principles into practice.

Secondly, we have established a new endowment program which will focus on youth development. Today, the YMCA is doing so much more to serve youth and teens. Our children need enriching, meaningful programs that help them grow. Our youth development programs use a preventative approach, providing kids with opportunities that help them develop character and personal values. The Youth Development Endowment Fund was initiated to serve future generations. If you or someone you know would be interested in learning more about the YMCA Endowment, please contact me at 260.918.2142. I would be glad to share our goals and aspirations.

We look forward to a great summer. Thank you again for helping make the YMCA a great community asset.

Sincerely,

Martin L. Pastura
President & CEO





One in three U.S. children are obese, and when summertime hits, kids are more sedentary than ever. Research shows that without access to physical and learning activities, kids fall behind academically and gain weight twice as fast during summer than the school year. Healthy Kids Day helps parents begin thinking about what their kids need so they can stay active all summer long. The day will feature free, educational activities at your local Y which help you and your family learn how to live healthier lives.

Bring your neighbors to an Open House in Allen, Whitley or Wells counties from 10 am – 1 pm and introduce them to your Y Family! We will be waiving the \$75 enrollment fee all day on Saturday, April 27.



The local Safe Place Program run by the YMCA Youth Service Bureau is a nationwide youth outreach and prevention program. In Allen county, we serve young people under the age of 18 who need immediate help and safety. As a collaborative community prevention initiative, we work with local businesses and organizations to designate Safe Place locations, which makes help readily available to youth.



Makayla was a young woman who was in a compromising situation that left her on the streets. Makayla later told staff "I had nowhere to go, no stable place to stay...I had no shoes, no jacket...I was probably going to freeze that night." After getting connected with advocates and social services, Makayla has built relationships with adults that she has learned to count on and call her family. Visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=gPxeCSDWdzM to learn more.



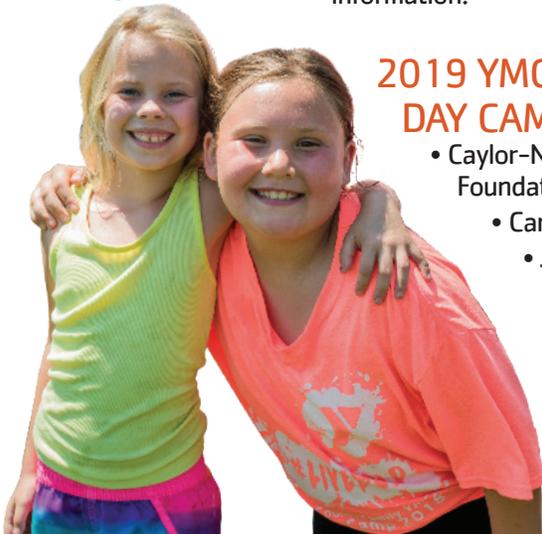
When school is out, kids in grades K–6 can have fun making crafts, playing games and being active with their friends at a Y day camp! Registration is open now!

Visit fwymca.org, pick up a brochure or call your local branch for more information!



2019 YMCA SUMMER DAY CAMPS AVAILABLE:

- Caylor-Nickel Foundation Family Y
- Camp Kekionga
- Jorgensen Family Y
- Jackson R. Lehman Family Y
- Parkview Family Y
- Renaissance Pointe Y
- Whitley County Family Y



This winter the Y participated again in gathering warm weather gear as part of Coats for Kids Fort Wayne. In addition to being a collection site, YMCA volunteers delivered coats to a dozen schools. A celebration was held at the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne with local partners who helped collect, clean, sort, and give over 5,000 winter coats to children in over 50 different schools and 18 social agencies!

Many thanks to those who donated over 500 winter coats and to the YMCA volunteers who delivered coats to both Peerless Cleaners and the Volunteer Center Fort Wayne to be sorted!



YMCA CAMP POTAWOTAMI SUMMER RESIDENT CAMP

YMCA Camp Potawatami has been building community, faith and friendship in a beautiful, safe environment for over 90 years! Located off Blackman Lake in Wolcottville, camp is a lot of fun, with swimming, games, campfires, mud hikes, climbing, archery, arts and crafts.

It's also about learning new skills, healthy habits and making new friends.

No matter what their interests are, there is something for all kids at Camp Potawatami! For more information visit fwycamp.org, email Katie_Taylor@fwymca.org, or call 260.351.2525.



HELPING OTHERS THROUGH THE YMCA ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

"Because of the free 7th grade membership I have found my second family and a passion to make a difference. Over the past year I've accumulated over 350 hours of community service, in and around the Y. I have been so moved by the Annual Campaign and the difference it has made in my life that it's my goal to lead the teens of the Parkview Y to raise \$1,000 to help other people who are struggling to find purpose. I am now confident, driven and hopeful because someone donated to the Y."

- Isabella

Thanks to generous donors, The YMCA is able to help people like Isabella every day.

If you are interested in donating to the Annual Campaign, which makes financial aid possible, visit:

fwymca.cheerfulgiving.com/pages/give-now.

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14th Annual YMCA
of Greater Fort Wayne

*Good Friday
Breakfast*

"Faith, hope and
love endure; and the
greatest is love."
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Guest Speaker
John Quiñones

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John is a seven-time Emmy award-winning news anchor and the celebrated host of What Would You Do?, an inspiring television show which reveals the decisions people make when faced with difficult situations. He will share motivational stories based on his show as well as from his own life about overcoming life's challenges through faith, education, hard work and a loving family.

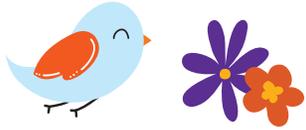
The Good Friday Breakfast will be held on Friday, April 19th at 7:30 am at the Parkview Mirro Event and Conference Center, 10622 Parkview Plaza Dr. The cost is \$25 per person or \$500 per eight-seat table sponsorship. A buffet breakfast is included and business casual attire is requested. The event is open to the public but seating is limited. Reservations are required by April 12th, 2019 by contacting Ashlei Davis at 260.918.2151 or Ashlei_Davis@fwymca.org.



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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOUNDATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

The Dekko Foundation - Assuring the consistency that young children need to learn, grow and thrive is the purpose of a \$60,000 grant for the Whitley County Family YMCA's Armstrong Early Learning Center. The grant will be used to increase the number of classrooms implementing principle-based learning of order, self-reliance and intentional interactions.

The Ian and Mimi Rolland Foundation - Nurturing the potential of at-risk youth is the purpose of a \$1,000 grant. Funding will support teen programming at the Renaissance Pointe YMCA, featuring activities focused on academics, leadership, job and career readiness, arts and culture, teamwork and character building.

The Waterfield Foundation - Enabling youth from low-income families to participate in resident camp at YMCA Camp Potawatami and enriching programs at the Renaissance Pointe YMCA is the purpose of a \$4,000 grant.

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-Providing first-time camp experiences to youth in need is the purpose of a \$6,250 Resident Camp Access grant. Youth will participate in one week of resident camp at YMCA Camp Potawatami, building new skills and making new friends.

-Improving YMCA Camp Potawatami's capital fundraising capability is the reason for our selection as a member of the 2019 Resident Camp Capital Fundraising Cohort. We will participate in monthly online learning sessions and receive one-to-one consulting with Donor By Design.

STAY CONNECTED.

Keep up-to-date with the latest Y news, events and programs and connect with other members. Like us on Facebook, ask us a question or share a story!



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MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

YMCA Mission Partners provide financial resources to strengthen our community and move us all forward. Continued support of these companies allows the YMCA to carry out our mission - making a meaningful, enduring impact in our community.



To inquire how your business can become a Mission Partner, contact Nicole Hansen at 260.918.2144 or Nicole_Hansen@fwymca.org.