



Nicholas and Melissa

GIVE FOR A BETTER US



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.



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.



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 Melissa and Nicholas

"I enrolled Nicholas in the Y Summer Camp after several kindergarten classmates told him about it. When I signed him up, I hoped he would become more independent and develop some close friendships. YMCA Summer Camp enabled him to develop into a strong-minded, helpful, and encouraging young man. He learned teamwork, character building, and effective coping strategies for angry meltdowns.

One memory that will stay with me is when Nicholas became ill while at camp. Lori, a Y staff member, texted me to let me know that Nicholas was not feeling well. I could not leave work at that time, so she let him rest in her office. When Nicholas woke up, Lori contacted me to tell me that he didn't look well and I should come get him right away. When I arrived, he was pale and weak, with pain in his right side. I took him to the Emergency Room. Within hours, he had emergency surgery for appendicitis, with the surgeon commenting he was very close to an erupting appendix. Because of Lori's awareness of my child and his demeanor, she helped Nicholas avoid what could have been a more traumatic outcome.

I am greatly appreciative of the Y staff. The counselors have had a tremendous impact on Nicholas, from feeling loved to helping to teach him the outcomes of his behaviors."

-Melissa

Your Gift In Action

Every dollar donated to the Whitley County Family YMCA Annual Campaign has a lasting impact on our community. In 2021, 1,213 people participated at the Y because of 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.

\$1,500

Prepares a child for success with a positive learning experience and meaningful relationships during 8 weeks at the Early Learning Center.

\$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 in a safe, educational environment in our Early Learning Center.
- 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.



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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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