



# GIVE FOR A BETTER US

## 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 families like Melissa's

Melissa's family first experienced the Whitley Y when her oldest daughter was in Kindergarten and enrolled in after school and summer day camp. She fosters children so knowing that Y staff provide a safe place for all of her children to learn and grow while she is at work has been invaluable. Finding good childcare has been a struggle over the years, so she especially appreciates the Y for caring about her babies and providing an environment where they are safe and loved.

"It reduces all of our anxiety! Everyone is really part of our tribe. We don't have a lot of extended family close by and you guys really are helping us raise these little humans..."

"We gained grace and compassion by being part of the Y. When I started utilizing the Y's programs, I was new to being a single mom. Trying to figure out life again on my own wasn't easy, but I always knew my daughter would be cared for when I worked late." Since that time, Melissa married, had 2 additional children, and began fostering. "When we started fostering, the Y showed us so much compassion. I strive to offer to those around me".

The Y has been more than just a program. "The Y has shown us all the ways you can build relationships. There are so many ways to love someone and my kids are learning them through these programs. They speak of their emotions well, and work on their issues with words".

## Your Gift In Action

Every dollar donated to the Whitley County Family YMCA Annual Campaign has a lasting impact on our community. In 2020, 1,356 people participated at the Y because of financial assistance.

\$135	Gets 1 child 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.
\$525	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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