



## FACILITY INFORMATION

The 20,000 square foot single-story facility will feature a skilled trades workshop, flexible classroom spaces, and a teaching kitchen.

Due to the generous donation of property from the McMillen Foundation, the YMCA Enterprise Zone will be situated immediately north of the Renaissance Pointe YMCA. The location is ideal since it will minimize travel and provide a catalyst for neighborhood economic development. This three-phase project will include:

- **Career Opportunities Center**
- **Outdoor Corner Park**
- **Athletic/Special Event Fields**

## \$7 Million Multiphase Project

### GIVING LEVELS

Visionary	\$250,000 and above
Founder	\$100,000 to \$249,999
Builder	\$50,000 to \$99,999
Benefactor	\$25,000 to \$49,999
Patron	\$10,000 to \$24,999
Leader	\$5,000 to \$9,999
Friend	\$2,500 to \$4,999

### NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Facility Naming	\$2,000,000
Outdoor Corner Park	\$1,000,000
Skilled Trades Workshop	\$250,000
Teaching Kitchen	\$100,000
Classroom 1	\$50,000
Classroom 2	\$50,000
Classroom 3	\$50,000



For more information, contact the YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne at 260.918.2158.



the **YMCA**  
**ENTERPRISE  
ZONE**

**REACHING  
POTENTIAL**

SERVING TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS



# HISTORY



Since 1858, the YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne has been committed to strengthening the community. The YMCA has been serving the southeast Fort Wayne community for decades beginning with the Old Fort YMCA in 1956 and the Southeast Family YMCA in 1965. The Renaissance Pointe YMCA was dedicated in November of 2010, bringing both Y's together into a new state-of-the-art facility located on Bowser Avenue.

The YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne is continually focused on the betterment of people at all stages of life through impactful programs from swimming lessons to youth intervention, mentoring and family programming to elderly support. Each year of our history has been marked by undeniable accomplishments in the face of the challenges of changing times, but more than anything, what marks our history is our dedication to helping people.

*"The McMillen Foundation is very pleased to be a part of this project which will provide opportunities for youth to learn which occupations or college options ignite their passion toward a successful future."*  
- John McMillen

# WHY AN ENTERPRISE ZONE & THE YMCA?

The YMCA Enterprise Zone education curriculum will introduce youth and young adults to career fields that require technical expertise and hands-on work. The Enterprise Zone will offer:

- Career exploration for teens
- Career coaching for teens and young adults
- Training programs for young adults

Through partnerships and current YMCA programming, various disciplines will be explored in construction trades and advanced manufacturing. Examples could include carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and heating and cooling.

The YMCA Enterprise Zone extends the YMCA's Hope for Youth Initiative (2017) and the Renaissance Pointe YMCA's College and Career Readiness Programs (2019) by deepening opportunities for youth and teens to succeed through exploring careers and identifying their passion.

The YMCA's success with youth education and character development programs position the Y to bring together the right partners, the right programs and the right people to help youth succeed in life.



View exterior animation of the Teen Enterprise Zone



*"The future of our city is in the hands of young people. Projects such as the YMCA Enterprise Zone are not only crucial to the development of a strong labor market that fills employment needs but also creates greater likelihood of job fulfillment for young people searching for meaning and purpose."*  
- Mayor Tom Henry

# PROJECT & PURPOSE

The Hanna Creighton Neighborhood in southeast Fort Wayne is historically one of the most economically disadvantaged zip codes in Indiana. Young people need knowledge about numerous vocational opportunities in order to develop a career or educational path that helps them become productive and successful adults.

The YMCA Enterprise Zone is a \$7 million multi-phase project which will provide a local center for teens and young adults to explore careers and receive training that will propel them toward a sustainable, meaningful future.



# VISION

**EMPLOYMENT** – Career coaching, resume and interview skills, soft skill development, and job fairs.

**ENTERPRISE** – Business development skills, hands on learning lab and entrepreneurship.

**EQUITY** – Narrow the "opportunity gap" and racial disparities in wealth by connecting youth to career opportunities. Focus on participants from under resourced neighborhoods and underrepresented demographics. Retrack students into higher education opportunities if applicable.

**PROGRAMS** – Career planning, career exploration (Examples could include financial literacy classes, skilled trade experiences, and adult certification classes).

**PEOPLE** – Values-Based Role Models, Mentorship, Career Coaches, Instructors, and Educators.

**PARTNERS** – Ivy Tech Community College, local school districts, building trades, youth serving nonprofits, etc.

# FULFILLING OUR MISSION:

The YMCA diversity and inclusion efforts are continued through this project by intentionally reaching new populations in our effort to serve all. Career coaching and positive adult role models foster growth in spirit, mind, and body.

Our Mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.