



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

CONTINUING TO BUILD A BETTER US!

In Metro Detroit there are many challenges..

People of all ages, gender and backgrounds struggle to reach their full potential. Families find it difficult to spend quality time together. Children face seemingly insurmountable learning gaps. Face time with teens happens through a phone and people are not connected to their neighbors.

But when challenges arise, the Y steps in with continued help from donors like you. Last year, we came to you with many needs that exist in our community, and we asked for your help in finding a solution.

This is how you helped us build a better Metro Detroit.

For a better us.™

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EAT, LEARN, PLAY

Afterschool Enrichment

The Y supports academic and social development of children through interactive, high quality afterschool enrichment. 1,160 children participated in these programs with over 230 receiving financial assistance due to your support. Also, we were able to provide over 182,000 healthy meals and snacks to an average of 800 children per day aiding in their academic success.



HELPING THOSE WHO HELP US

Serving First Responders | Military Families Initiative

Your investment allowed the Carls Family YMCA to continue a coordinated wellness program for local first responders. Eight officers participated in this program with plans to expand the offerings this year. At the Macomb YMCA - 50 children of military families participated in CATCH games, activities and team building and 2 children attended summer day camp on scholarship thanks to you.



FUN SUMMER LEARNING

Camp Riley | Camp Phoenix

Hosted in cooperation with Farmington Public Schools Camp Riley focused on skills that enhance language arts, math, life skills and more. Camp Phoenix expanded to Boll, Macomb and North Oakland this past summer. Like Riley this Phoenix infusion focused on academic success. With help from your donations, we provided 94 at-risk children in Riley and over 800 students in Phoenix with high quality summer experiences in literacy, STEM and physical activity - all in a fun camp atmosphere.



EMPOWERING YOUNG GIRLS & BOYS

Girls on the Run | STRIDE

Girls on the Run teaches girls to be healthy and confident through life lessons that involve running; STRIDE allows boys to share their thoughts and opinions about life topics in a safe, encouraging environment that helps them develop character all while training for a 5K. This year, a total of 4,242 girls and boys from the surrounding 3 counties participated in the program; because of you, we were able to remove financial barriers for over 840 children to participate.



CREATING A CARING COMMUNITY

Inclusion Programming | Social Club | Inclusion Camp

The YMCA is a haven for families with children with special needs. We provide activities to individuals from all walks of life, making everyone feel welcome at the Y. Through your generosity, we were able to serve hundreds of kids with special needs through the following programs: 120 students participated in Inclusion Programming last school year; 30 young adults participated in the Saturday night Social Club while Inclusion Camp hosted 19 campers this summer.



INSPIRING TEENS THROUGH WORK & SERVICE

Youth Volunteer Corps | Arts Education | Y Careerwise

Through volunteer opportunities, professional art instruction program and a career-development camp, we cultivated the civic, cognitive and career aspirations of hundreds of teens in Metro Detroit, with your support - 115 youth participated in over 4,550 community service hours through the YVC program, over 550 students participated in Arts Education and 20 youth participated in Y Careerwise.



BUILDING CONFIDENCE WITH EVERY STROKE

Detroit Swims | Water Safety Outreach

Though Michigan is surrounded on three sides by water, too many children grow up not knowing how to swim. Detroit Swims provided suits, caps, goggles, swim instruction and oftentimes transportation to over 875 children as well as an additional 125 Special Needs children all in part to your dedication. Additionally, at the South Oakland YMCA 30 children learned to swim and at the Downriver YMCA 130 youth participated in the Special Needs Swims Instruction.



DISCOVERING AN UNPLUGGED WORLD

Camp Nissokone | Camp Ohiyesa

With the decline of physical activity and the rise of youth obesity, kids need to get outside and be active now more than ever. Your investment in YMCA Camps allowed kids to experience the magic that is summer camp - new friendships, new skills and new leaders were formed. Specifically, Camp Ohiyesa sent 27 kids to day camp and 55 to overnight night; Camp Nissokone was able to provide 87 resident camp scholarships.



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Together, we take on the challenges that shape the future of Metro Detroit. From keeping kids safe after school hours to instilling lifelong lessons of confidence and team building to vulnerable youth, everything the Y does is in service of making us – as individuals and a community – better.

For a better you. For a better Metro Detroit. For a better us.

Thank you for helping us build a better us.