



The Y for youth

Youth & Teens

91% OF PARENTS

reported having to make significant changes to their work, life or finances in order to afford child care.

26% of juvenile crime happens **AFTER SCHOOL BETWEEN 2-6 PM.**

Child care costs **\$15,000 PER CHILD PER YEAR** amounting to **UP TO 16%** of the median household's income.

At the YMCA, we believe every young person deserves the chance to thrive—socially, emotionally, and academically. In neighborhoods where resources are limited and safe spaces can be hard to find, this work becomes not just impactful—but essential.

We serve more than 20,000 youth and teens annually through sports, childcare, camp, and teen engagement activities - investing over \$10.8M. We're committed to reaching over 9,000 teens in the next three years with initiatives focused on workforce development, violence prevention, and mental well-being.

Youth and Teen programming at Four Rivers YMCA

Summer should be a time when children can learn, explore, make friends, build confidence, and simply be kids. For many families, however, the cost and availability of quality summer programming can make these opportunities difficult to access. The YMCA is committed to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to experience a safe, enriching, and meaningful summer—regardless of their family's financial circumstances.

Our summer camp program provides children with much more than a place to go while parents are at work. It is a place where children discover their strengths, develop lifelong skills, build relationships, experience the outdoors, and create memories that can shape who they become. Each day gives campers opportunities to participate in activities designed to promote the whole child—spirit, mind, and body.

While summer camp provides an essential service to working families, its impact goes far beyond supervision. Camp builds confidence. Camp builds relationships. Camp keeps children active. Camp encourages discovery. Camp creates belonging. Every child deserves to have a place where they feel welcome. YMCA camp works to create an inclusive environment where children can be themselves, make connections, and know they are part of something bigger. When children have access to safe, dependable summer care, the entire family benefits. For families who cannot afford the full cost of camp, financial assistance can make the difference between a child participating and a child being left out.

A summer at the YMCA can have an impact that lasts far beyond the final day of camp. A child who learns to swim gains an important life skill. A child who makes a new friend learns that they belong. A child who tries something new discovers courage. A child who struggles and keeps trying develops resilience. A child who is given responsibility begins to see themselves as a leader. These moments may seem small, but together they help shape confident, healthy, resilient young people.

YOU SEE YOUTH, WE SEE LEADERS IN THE MAKING.

Annual Campaign Goal: \$85,000

Current Impact:

200 served and \$165,000 provided in financial assistance through scholarships to our community last year.

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For All

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\$300

gives two children with disabilities access to summer camp, designed to create friendships and learning opportunities in a safe environment.

\$400

gives one child a month of Before and After Care at a YClub site.

\$1,000

provides one child a year of meals at an Early Childcare Center.

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