



The Y for access

Access For All

The Y is where everyone experiences the chance to become their best self. That's why we're committed to making Y programs and memberships accessible to all through financial assistance.

Thanks to generous support, we're able to open doors for individuals and families who otherwise wouldn't have the means to participate. In 2025, the Gateway Region Y provided \$2.58M in direct financial assistance to ensure that all individuals can be part of life-changing membership and programs at the Y.

13% of Missouri residents and 11.6% of Illinois residents live **BELOW THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL**. Countless more struggle to make ends meet.

Children and families living at or near the poverty line face **ECONOMIC AND OTHER BARRIERS**, such as access to after-school programs, camps, and inclusion services that foster growth and social inclusion.



Access for All at O'Fallon Park Rec Complex

The O'Fallon Park Rec Complex serves as a pillar in the O'Fallon neighborhood, committed to removing financial barriers so that every individual and family can belong. Through donor-funded financial assistance and scholarships, we ensure that neighbors of all backgrounds have access to the programs, safe spaces, and supportive community that the Y provides.

For the Barnes family, financial assistance opened the door to a community that became an extension of their home. In their own words, the impact of donor support goes far beyond the walls of the facility:

"I would like to say thank you to any and all who put in place the financial programs, grants, and any other benefits which financially make it possible for my family and others like us who benefit from this financial support.

If it wasn't for the Y...
Where would my boys be?
Would they be able to swim?
Would they get up at 5 a.m. to play basketball?
Would they have a safe place to come for Halloween?
Would they have met this village of people it takes to raise a child?

That's why I say—if it wasn't for the Y."

YOU SEE FINANCIAL AID, WE SEE OPPORTUNITY WITHIN REACH.

Annual Campaign Goal: \$71,000

Current Impact:

1,200 individuals served annually through membership and programs.

Current Impact:

\$232,068 in direct financial assistance provided to our community last year.



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enables 2 children to participate in Y Summer Camp with extra support so they discover their own strengths.

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