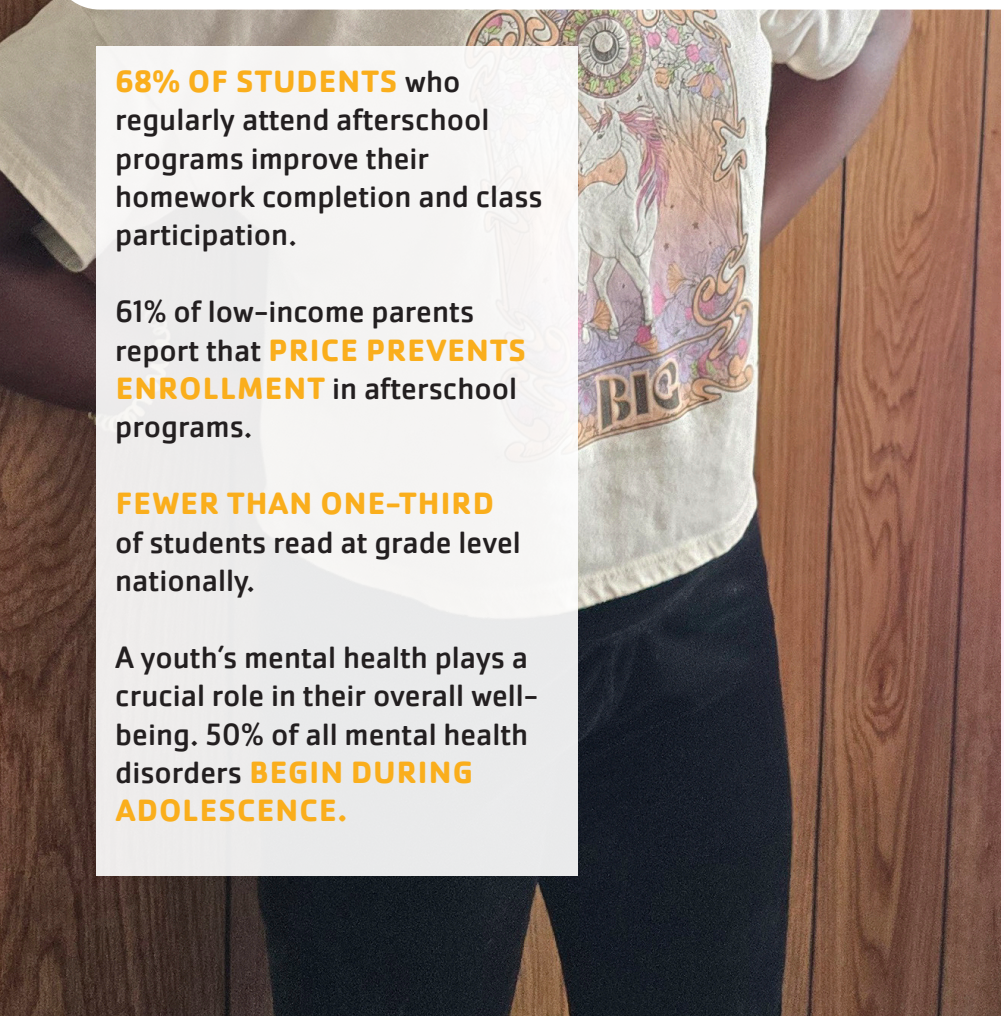
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
YMCA



The Y **for youth**



68% OF STUDENTS who regularly attend afterschool programs improve their homework completion and class participation.

61% of low-income parents report that **PRICE PREVENTS ENROLLMENT** in afterschool programs.

FEWER THAN ONE-THIRD of students read at grade level nationally.

A youth's mental health plays a crucial role in their overall well-being. 50% of all mental health disorders **BEGIN DURING ADOLESCENCE.**

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 1000 youth and teens annually through fitness and play, literacy, STEAM, youth mental health, and civic engagement programs–investing over $840,000. We are committed to reaching over 3,500 youth and teens over the next three years with initiatives focused on workforce development, violence prevention, and mental well-being.

Youth programming at
Community Development YMCA



Xiomauria Jefferson is 10 years old and is a leader in the making. She has participated in STEAM programming, Fitness for You(th), Summer Day Camp, overnight camp at YMCA of the Ozarks, Safety Around Water, received tutoring through the Literacy Program, and so much more at the Y.

Xiomauria reflected on her experiences saying:

"When I participated in Fitness for You(th), I liked it a lot. It helps me learn to control my anger in games. I learned to work with my peers and friends in a better way. I'm understanding what it means to identify different emotions and what my body goes through when it changes because of my mood. I think all kids should have programs to help them identify themselves.

I love art, drawing, skating, swimming, reading, going camping, playing basketball, scrapbooking, gardening, fishing and gymnastics. I also love helping other kids and teaching them about mental health and how to talk about their big emotions.

I want to be a lawyer one day and help people in a different way."

YOU SEE TEENS, WE SEE LEADERS IN THE MAKING.

Annual Campaign Goal: $58,000

Current Impact:
1,137 served annually through membership and programs.

$300
provides a six-week social emotional learning skill building program for 20 students.

$650
outfits a middle school STEM team with the tools to build an underwater robot.

$700
pairs a struggling student with a dedicated tutor for a year of weekly reading support.

Opportunity For All

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