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Partners With Youth Annual Campaign
YMCA OF COLUMBIA



NO ONE IS TURNED AWAY

YOUR COMMUNITY...YOUR CONTRIBUTION

The **Partners with Youth Campaign** is an annual volunteer fundraising campaign to assist people in our community in their time of need.

At the YMCA, no one who qualifies is turned away due to an inability to pay. We believe in helping all people lead healthier, happier lives. Whether someone's hardship arises from a layoff, an illness or other financial challenge, the YMCA strives to assist anyone in need of our programs and fellowship.

The Partners with Youth Campaign supports individuals and families of all ages.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

This year, the YMCA of Columbia provided over half a million dollars in financial assistance to 9,400 participants including youth, families, adults and seniors in our community. All donations are used locally to build the Midlands community. Youth programs, health initiatives, and active older adult programs are all supported by your charitable giving.

Thanks to our donors, we turned no one who qualified away due to an inability to pay. Please join us to continue our tradition of helping those in need in our community. You can have an immediate, life-changing impact!



THE LEMONS FAMILY

The Lemons Family had a pretty normal life, as normal as you can have with a family of eight under one roof, until their mother was diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer. When they thought things could not get any worse, their father was terminated from his job for missing too many days of work while trying to balance raising six children and caring for his very ill wife. Shortly after that, tragedy struck the family like never before. Their father died suddenly of a massive heart attack in front of their dying mother and youngest sister. About a year later, their mother lost her battle with cancer leaving all six children to live with their grandparents in a small three-bedroom house.

The community rallied around this family, and that's when the Y became aware of their needs. The Y has provided these siblings a place to get away from it all and be kids again. Rashad and Curtis were regulars in the gym for pick up basketball games until Rashad left for college. Jade and Marquel enjoy working out in the exercise facilities and cheering on their youngest siblings, Gabby and Hannah when they play youth sports at the Y. Their grandparents, Pat and James, are grateful for the close friendships with staff and members at the Y. This family is an outstanding example of hope and faith to all who know them.



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A pledge of \$125 will send a child to a week of summer camp filled with swimming, crafts, games and other value-based activities.

THE WISE FAMILY

The Wise family – mother, father and daughter – have been through unimaginable obstacles in life. When this young family was just starting out, life blindsided them with a terrible car accident leaving the head of the household unable to work and financially support his young pregnant wife. They have fought for over ten years to keep food on the table, clothes on their backs and to keep their family together.

Sometimes their little girl feels the pain even more than her parents. While other kids are having a fun, stress-free summer, she is spending her summers in a hospital room while her dad battles another medical setback.

That was until this year, when the Wise family learned about the Y's scholarship opportunities. The Y figured out a way for this little girl to enjoy equestrian camp. As they pulled into camp on the first day she said to her mom, "This is going to be my number one memory of all time."



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A pledge of \$60 will give a child the opportunity to learn water safety and swimming.

THE GLOVER FAMILY

The Glovers and their children, ages 7, 14 and 16, have been long time members of the Y. The children have enjoyed summer camp, afterschool, Y Guides and working out. Recently, the Glovers became the guardians of two more children, ages five and six. The Glovers had not planned financially for this and were uncertain of how they would manage. Their faith in God helped them hold onto hope that He would provide the way and the means.

The Glovers wanted their youngest children to be able to experience the Y as the older children had; however, the funds were not available. That is when they learned about the Y's scholarship fund. As soon as they were approved, they enrolled the children into summer camp. This was the first time these children ever experienced canoeing, archery, playing group activities, and swimming. "The kids have yet to stop talking about all the awesome fun they are having," Mrs. Glover said. "Thank you for your help in providing these children the opportunity to be part of a positive Christian environment. Without this fund they would not have been able to experience a beautiful part of childhood."



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A pledge of \$500 will sponsor two Youth Sports teams for Soccer, T-Ball or Football.

CHAIRMAN'S ROUND TABLE

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