We know that lasting personal and social change comes about when we all work together. That’s why, at the YMCA of Springfield, strengthening community is our cause. Every day we work side-by-side with our neighbors to make sure everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.
Through the years, lifestyles and family structures have changed and will continue to do so. The YMCA of Springfield programs will always reflect the needs of our community. We live our mission every day.

We are volunteer founded, volunteer based, and volunteer led. Ys are for people of all faiths, races, abilities, ages, and incomes.

For decades the YMCA mission has been central and foundational to our work. It continues as our driving force today.

Our mission guides us in all we do and compels us to embrace, reflect and celebrate the richness of diversity within each other and our community. We invite, welcome and involve everyone to work side by side with us to further our cause.

$496,129 went back into our local community in 2018
Our Cause
Our cause strengthens the foundations of our community as an inclusive, charitable organization of men, women and children joined together by a shared commitment to nurturing the potential of kids, promoting healthy living and fostering a sense of social responsibility.

Our Mission
Our mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, body and mind for all.

Our Vision
Improve the quality of life for individuals families and the community in safe and accessible environments.

Our Values
Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility.

Our Purpose
Our purpose is to give everyone a safe place to learn, grow and thrive.

“Our buildings are our tools. Our programs our methods. Our mission is achieved by the impact we have on people’s lives by their participation in YMCA programs and services.”

Angie Sowle, CEO, YMCA of Springfield
Youth Development
At the Y, we develop programs to respond to and meet emerging community needs. We believe the values and skills learned early on are vital building blocks for life. The YMCA of Springfield is a place where we teach positive behaviors and offer children the opportunity to explore their unique talents and interests to help them realize their full potential. We are ensuring confident kids today and contributing adults tomorrow.

Child Care
The YMCA of Springfield offers before and after school programs to children in surrounding area schools. The before and after school programs are modeled after the Food & Fun After School program designed by the Harvard School of Public Health Prevention Research Center and the YMCA of the USA. The program was piloted in YMCA after-school sites throughout the country with the goal of increasing physical activity and healthy eating habits in children. The philosophy of the YMCA’s School Age Care Program is to promote learning through play and recreation. In 2018 we provided school-aged care for 382 children.

Youth Sports
YMCA youth sports encourage and promote healthy kids, families, and communities. Team building, as well as individual development and a positive self-image and mutual respect for others, are vital elements of YMCA youth sports. A priority on family involvement and healthy competition makes youth sports a winner for everyone. Parents are encouraged to be more than mere spectators by contributing their time as volunteer coaches as well as being their kid’s greatest fan.

Camp Wa-Kon-Tah
Camp Wa-Kon-Tah is a place where kids have the opportunity to explore nature, try exciting activities, gain confidence, and make lasting friendships and memories. Camp Wa-Kon-Tah covers 26 acres on beautiful Lake Springfield. This traditional camp in a wilderness setting has served children from a broad base of socioeconomic and culturally diverse backgrounds. Last year 3,209 children participated in our summer camps at the YMCA. We provided 601 scholarship weeks to underprivileged youth. Financial assistance makes attending camp a reality for any child.
Healthy Living
Being healthy means more than simply being physically active. It’s about maintaining a balanced spirit, mind and body. At the YMCA of Springfield, it’s not about the activity you choose as much as it is about the benefits of living healthier on the inside as well as the outside. Beyond fitness facilities, we provide educational programs to promote healthier decisions and we offer a variety of programs that support physical, intellectual and spiritual strength.

Group Exercise
From low-impact exercise and chair classes, stretching and strength training to indoor cycling and yoga, you will find a group class that is fun, supportive and keeps you moving. Living healthy is about spirit, mind and body at every age and stage.

Wellness for Seniors
The YMCA of Springfield offers a variety of programs designed for active older adults such as Silver Sneakers classic, yoga, Strive Fit, Strive Fit Seniors, water fitness, and Senior Walking Club. These programs help them maintain a healthier lifestyle, strengthen ties, and maintains a positive outlook on life.

Adult Sports
Sports, fun and exploring new interests are not just for the young. That is why you will find a range of recreational activities at the YMCA including badminton, pickleball, racquetball, and martial arts. We have something to offer everyone. You are never too old to get in the game!
OUR AREAS OF FOCUS:
Youth Development, Healthy Living, Social Responsibility

Social Responsibility
The generosity of others is at the core of our existence. It is only through the support of our volunteers and donors that we can give back to our community. As the nation’s leading nonprofit for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, the YMCA uses your gift to make a meaningful, enduring impact right in our own backyard.

SNAP
The YMCA Special Needs Aquatic Program (SNAP) has been in existence for 17 years. The primary focus is to provide swimming lessons to individuals with mental or physical disabilities. The goal is to give people with special needs the opportunity to learn how to swim at their own pace. Many of these swimmers go on to compete in Special Olympics. In 2018, we sent nine SNAP swimmers to Special Olympics.

Matthew Kids
For the last four years, we have partnered with The Matthew Project (TMP) which provides clothing, food, tutoring, mentoring and life skills classes to Springfield School District 186 children in transitional housing during the school year. The YMCA provides Matthew Project kids with a summer experience which includes transportation to and from camp, breakfast, lunch, tutoring and swimming lessons. In 2019 we look forward to hosting up to 60 Matthew kids.

Saturday Strikers Bowling
The Saturday Strikers bowling program is designed for persons with disabilities. It provides physical exercise, team building, self-confidence, and a path out of isolation. In 2018 we sent 69 to compete in Special Olympics bowling. You see the true impact of this program when you see adults, youth, parents and YMCA staff and volunteers laughing, cheering and supporting each other.
New Downtown YMCA

A NEW BUILDING
In 2011 the YMCA of Springfield expanded its services and opened a second branch, the Kerasotes YMCA. At that time, the board made a commitment to maintain a presence in the downtown area. Since opening the Kerasotes branch, the Y has been able to significantly expand health, wellness, recreation and life-changing programs for children and families. In 2016 the YMCA Board of Directors engaged a local architectural firm to conduct a comprehensive facility assessment of the current facility. The report indicated upkeep of the existing building was cost prohibitive. The YMCA Board of Directors and Board of Trustees decided a new replacement downtown facility would be the best use of resources and the best way to continue meeting the needs of the Springfield community. With Promises to Keep, we’re on a mission to raise $7 million.

THE NEED IS GREAT
According to the Sangamon County Community Needs Assessment:
• 1 in 4 children are living below the poverty line
• 30% of adults are obese
• Income disparity and access to high-quality programs and services keep some from participating

The YMCA of Springfield has an unwavering commitment to the community to:
• Be a positive influence in youth development
• Equalize services so everyone can participate in a safe environment
• Provide programs that promote life-long healthy habits
• Embrace diversity and advocate equality

PROGRAMS AND SPACES
The new Downtown YMCA will have programs and services for everyone! These offerings are designed specifically to meet the needs of our community.

PROGRAMS
• Youth Fitness
• Water Exercise
• Health & Wellness Programs
• Swimming Lessons
• Open/Lap Swimming
• Special Needs Aquatics
• Group Exercise Classes
• Personal Training
• After-School Care

SPACES
• Gymnasium
• Gymnastics Center
• Indoor Track
• Racquetball Courts
• Youth Enrichment Area
• Multi-Purpose Rooms
• Aquatics Center
• Wellness Floor
• Child Watch Area

Help us reach our goal... $5.2 million raised

YMCA OF SPRINGFIELD

$7 Million
By the Numbers: Impactful Snapshot of our YMCA

41,963 individuals served in 2018.

**Bridging the Gap**
3,701 individuals, kids, & families received scholarships.

**Learn, Grow, & Thrive**
$496,129 total contributed dollars.

6,308 participated in youth sports programs.

2 Downtown Kerasotes locations in Springfield, Illinois.

1,593 volunteers provided 19,094 hours of service to the YMCA.

3,209 children played, laughed, and stayed engaged in YMCA Summer Camps.

100% of every dollar of funds raised stay in this community. Because no one is turned away.

117,600 check-ins at group exercise classes.

220 Special Needs Aquatic Program (SNAP) lessons were taught.

10,000 meals were served to hungry summer campers.

862 individual donors & corporations made this page a reality.

2,513 participated in Silver Sneakers.

220 adults participated in sport leagues.

862 individual donors & corporations made this page a reality.

473 adults participated in sport leagues.

1,58 individuals served in 2018.

173 participated in Saturday Striker bowling league which serves mentally and physically handicapped children and adults.
How much does the YMCA receive because we are a charity?

**Contributed Support**
- General Contributions: $43,591
- Annual Campaign Revenue: $311,529
- United Way/Community Chest: $31,698
- Foundation Grants: $13,000

Total Contributed Support Received: $399,818

**Volunteer Support**
- Program/Board Volunteer Hours in Monetary Value: $433,361
- Policy Volunteer Hours in Monetary Value: $27,567

How much do we give away because we are a charity?

**Direct Community Assistance**
- Healthy Living Assistance (Low-Income Youth, Family, & Individual Memberships): $270,283
- Youth Development Assistance (Child Care, Before & After School Care, Summer Camp): $112,000
- Other Financial Assistance (Swim Lessons, Youth Sports Leagues, Saturday Strikers, etc.): $30,000

**Indirect Community Assistance**
- Facilities Used by Community Groups: $15,846
- Outreach and Community Development Support: $67,000
- International YMCA Work: Support: $1,000

Total Community Support Provided: $496,129

Our Community Outreach
- Total YMCA members: 22,620
- Total YMCA program participants: 19,343
- Total YMCA members and program participants under 18: 16,343
- Total enrolled in before and after-school programs: 383
- Total enrolled in youth swim lessons: 3,340
- Total enrolled in summer camp: 3,209
- Total enrolled in youth sports programs: 6,308
- Total community members at special events: 7,700
- Total full and part-time YMCA staff: 657

Our Community Support
- Total program volunteers: 1,368
- Total policy volunteers: 225
- Total volunteer hours: 19,094

Your dues operate the facility. Your gift changes lives!

MEMBERSHIP FEES @ WORK
- Equipment
- Pool Costs
- Administration
- Facility repairs, cleaning, & maintainence

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT DONATIONS @ WORK
- Scholarship memberships
- Saturday Strikers
- Aquatics scholarships
- Matthew Project summer camp
- Before & After School program scholarships
- Child care scholarships
- Youth sports scholarships
- Community outreach
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