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FAMILY YMCA OF GREATER AUGUSTA
2018 Annual Campaign

THIS IS YOUR Y. THIS IS YOUR COMMUNITY.

The Family YMCA of Greater Augusta has been a partner in the CSRA for 159 years. We continue to be a faith based institution with three main areas of focus: youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Our annual campaign efforts allow us to stay focused on meeting the needs of our community and members.

**More than
51,000
members
and counting!**

In our 159th year of service to the CSRA, we continue to add scholarships, valuable membership benefits, and new programs to better serve our community.

This is accomplished by offering programs and services at 70 locations.

These locations include: 10 branches in eight counties, a full-time Child Development Center, Camp Lakeside, a 100-acre camp in Lincolton, seven Head Start sites in Aiken and Barnwell, 36 Primetime After-School Sites in Aiken, McDuffie and Richmond counties, and 15 summer camp locations across the CSRA.

In 2017, the Family YMCA of Greater Augusta gave away more than \$2 million in scholarships. This allowed more kids to attend camp, provided the opportunity for more families in need to become members, and gave more youth a safe place to go before and after regular school hours while helping working parents.

Be a part of an organization focused on making the community a better place for everyone. Give for a better us.



THE GIFT YOU GIVE...

\$100

Your donation helps two children attend after-school care and receive academic enrichment and healthy lifestyle skills.

\$250

Your donation helps four children play youth sports and learn to be a part of a team.

\$500

Your donation helps five children experience the joy of summer camp.

\$1,000

Your donation provides one family with membership for one year plus the opportunity to learn healthy habits and achieve wellness goals through additional programs.

\$2,500

Your donation provides 50 children with swim lessons and water safety education.

\$5,000

Your donation provides five families with one year of membership and helps two children receive one year of after-school care.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY



MORE THAN \$2 MILLION

in scholarships awarded by the **FAMILY YMCA OF GREATER AUGUSTA** in 2017



MORE THAN 25 CHILDREN

received free after school care at the **DOWNTOWN AUGUSTA FAMILY YMCA**



More than 100

people in McDuffie County lost weight and got healthier at the **THOMSON FAMILY YMCA**



\$22,000

Member scholarships provided by **AIKEN COUNTY FAMILY YMCA**



36

of **LIVESTRONG** participants at **MARSHALL FAMILY YMCA**



4,500

were taught how to swim and participate in life-saving lessons at the **WILSON FAMILY YMCA**



1,500

military family members supported by **AUGUSTA SOUTH FAMILY YMCA**



26

of summer camp scholarships issued by **NORTH AUGUSTA FAMILY YMCA**



\$1,487,798

awarded scholarships through **FAMILY YMCA'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**



\$8,000

member scholarships provided by the **BARNWELL COUNTY FAMILY YMCA**



\$15,300

youth sports & camp scholarships awarded by **STEINER BRANCH FAMILY YMCA**

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Melido Mir was born in the Dominican Republic in 1974, and spent most of his childhood in Puerto Rico. He was born with meningocele type of spinal bifida, which does not allow him to walk and he uses a wheelchair as his means of mobility. Melido's passion for adaptive sports started when he was sixteen years old by running marathons, playing tennis and playing basketball.

Mir went on to study sports science in college, but was unsuccessful in finding a job following graduation. After playing professionally with the Puerto Rican National Wheelchair Basketball team and receiving his United States citizenship in 2004, Mir moved to Florida with a friend. In 2007, the Wilson Family YMCA led him towards what he had been looking for. Mir was offered a job to teach a Cardio Kids' program for children with disabilities. In 2014, Mir transitioned to the Aiken County Family YMCA working the wellness floor and ChildWatch.

The 43-year-old's passion for sports has given him great satisfaction, as he loves to coach and mentor peers, children and adults about the importance of good health. The idea of helping others achieve their goals while living with a disability is a very important part of his life, and Mir is forever thankful for the YMCA giving him an opportunity to impact other's lives.

"The YMCA is a great resource for families, and offers a great environment for the community to be a part of. I love everything about the Y and I'm grateful for the opportunity to make a difference."





Lauryn Kelly was diagnosed with Ganglioneuroblastoma at the age of three when a tumor was found in her right lung. The plan of treatment was to surgically remove the tumor, plus one cycle of chemotherapy. It took some time for Lauryn to recover from her surgery and chemo treatments. After she regained her strength she was able to return to her dance classes at Burns Dance Studio in Aiken. She remained in remission for three years until her cancer came back even more aggressive, this time stage four.

Lauryn immediately left school to begin an extensive treatment plan for 18 months. After her 18 month battle she was very eager to return to her normal activities again, especially her love for dancing.

Lauryn's mom became aware of all the activities the Y had to offer when her daughter brought home a flyer from Primetime about dance classes at the Wilson Family YMCA. Lauryn was excited about the program, but her mother, Fallon Kelly, worried about how she could afford the program for her daughter. Lauryn was eager, so her mother completed the financial assistance application. "I prayed about it and completed the application," said Fallon Kelly.

Lauryn was accepted to the program at no cost thanks to scholarships offered through the Family YMCA of Greater Augusta's annual campaign efforts. "Someone with a heart reviewed her application and accepted her; we are very grateful for the opportunity that was given to her to do what she loves most," said Ms. Kelly.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



**FAMILY YMCA OF GREATER
AUGUSTA TEAM HEADQUARTERS**
1058 Claussen Road, Suite 100
Augusta, GA 30907
706 922 YMCA

AIKEN COUNTY FAMILY YMCA
621 Trolley Line Road
Graniteville, SC 298290
803 349 8080

AUGUSTA SOUTH FAMILY YMCA
2215 Tobacco Road
Augusta, GA 30906
706 922 9650

BARNWELL COUNTY FAMILY YMCA
660 Joey Zorn Blvd
Barnwell, SC 29813
803 450 4151

FAMILY YMCA'S CAMP LAKESIDE
1238 Dogwood Drive
Lincolnton, GA 30817
706 359 2153

**FAMILY YMCA
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**
1425 Walton Way
Augusta, GA 30901
706 922 9670

MARSHALL FAMILY YMCA
1202 Town Park Lane
Evans, GA 30809
706 364 3269

NORTH AUGUSTA FAMILY YMCA
401 Martintown Road, Suite 111
North Augusta, SC 29841
803 278 0882

NORTH JEFFERSON FAMILY YMCA
3001 GA Hwy 17 North
Wrens, GA 30833
706 547 2653

RIVERFRONT YMCA
One 7th Street
Augusta, GA 30901
706 922 6190

STEINER BRANCH FAMILY YMCA
218 Partnership Drive
Grovetown, GA 30813
706 922 6712

THOMSON FAMILY YMCA
521 Hill Street
Thomson, GA 30824
706 595 5615

WILSON FAMILY YMCA
3570 Wheeler Road
Augusta, GA 30909
706 922 9624

**FAMILY YMCA YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT BRANCH**
1058 Claussen Road, Suite 100
Augusta, GA 30907
706 922 9611

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to serve individuals and families in the CSRA through programs designed to build healthy spirit mind and body, reflecting the values of the Judeo-Christian tradition while maintaining respect for all people.