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**SOUTHEASTERN
INDIANA YMCA**

**IMPACT
REPORT 2025**

Hello Y Family –

We are grateful for a year defined by intentional growth, deeper community impact, and a continued commitment to serving southeastern Indiana through the YMCA.

This year, we made meaningful investments in our members by enhancing our wellness and activity spaces—creating more opportunities for individuals and families to move, connect, and thrive. Alongside these improvements, we expanded the variety of our group exercise offerings, ensuring there are more accessible and engaging options for all ages, interests, and ability levels.

Our Learning Center remained a critical support for working families as we responded to increased community need due to limited access to government childcare vouchers. Despite these challenges, we were able to continue to serve families providing high-quality childcare and early learning experiences for those who need it most.

We also introduced a new monthly program model designed to increase access and participation. By offering more frequent program experiences and reducing fees, we've taken important steps toward making YMCA programs more affordable and inclusive for our community.

A key focus in 2025 was strengthening our role as a safe, welcoming space for youth. We created more opportunities for young people to gather, build relationships, and simply have fun in a positive environment. At the same time, we expanded family engagement efforts—recognizing that strong families are at the heart of a strong community.

None of this progress would be possible without the dedication of our staff, the leadership of our Board of Directors, and the continued support of our members, donors, and community partners. Your belief in our mission allows us to adapt, grow, and meet the evolving needs of those we serve.

As we look ahead, we remain focused on expanding access, strengthening connections, and creating opportunities for all.

Thank you for being part of the Y.



Tara Britton
Chief Executive
Officer



John Dorenbusch
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Our Donors Make a Difference

Over the past year, your support has helped us open doors and continue to welcome citizens of all ages and backgrounds. Through your support, children learned to swim, families found a place to connect, seniors stayed active and healthy, and individuals discovered the encouragement they need to reach their goals. The impact of your gifts reached far beyond our walls and into the lives of the people we serve.

In 2025, thanks to your incredible support, we once again surpassed our Annual Campaign goal. This achievement was only possible because of the many generous donors who believe in the work of the Y. Our campaign theme, Open Hearts, Open Doors, perfectly reflects the spirit of our community – neighbors helping neighbors and ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to participate in the programs and services the Y provides.

Every program offered, every life changed, and every opportunity created is made possible by donors like you who believe in the Y's mission to strengthen our community through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

We are deeply grateful for your commitment to the Southeastern Indiana YMCA. Your contribution truly makes a difference, and we are so grateful to have you as part of our Y and our community.



Diane Raver
Fund Development
Coordinator



Mary Huntington
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STRONGER TOGETHER

OUR STORY AND YOURS



13,213

Average number of monthly visits to our Y in 2025 - welcoming individuals and families seeking health, connection, and belonging.

"I was in town visiting from out of state for a couple weeks and came across this YMCA in town. Cannot say enough great things from the staff being incredibly friendly, all the facilities were well maintained and clean, they had a great selection of work out equipment athletic areas etc.. cannot recommend enough!" - J.W. - 5 Star Google Review

WELLNESS CENTER EXPANSION

Last fall, our Wellness Center renovation marked a major step forward in how we support healthy living for every member of our community. With the addition of **3,800 square feet** of new wellness space, we've created more room for strength, movement, and personal growth—whether someone is just getting started or pushing toward new goals.

The new functional fitness turf zone brings energy and fun to training, while expanded free-weight and plate-loaded areas ensure members of all experience levels feel welcome and supported. A new walkthrough between the Gray Gym and former racquetball court has improved accessibility and flow, and refreshed flooring and a more intuitive layout make the entire space feel more inviting. With additional cardio equipment and continued access to beloved activities like pickleball, basketball, and volleyball, this transformation reflects our commitment to being a place where everyone can connect, grow stronger, and thrive together.

\$35,860

Financial Assistance provided for programs and scholarships through the generous contributions of our donors.

1,089

children and adults that benefited from those membership and program scholarships

\$18,550

Amount in financial assistance the Learning Center was able to provide for 27 children who face economic barriers





BUILDING STRENGTH HERE

A BETTER SPACE FOR A BETTER US

Grant Hartley

Since eighth grade, Grant faced unexplained health challenges that made everyday life—working out, eating normally, even spending time with friends—feel out of reach. By his sophomore year, he weighed just 105 pounds.

Everything began to change when friends invited him to the Y. What started as simply showing up became a turning point. “I just wanted to feel normal again—to hang out with friends and be healthier,” Grant shared.

With encouragement and consistency, those small steps led to big progress. Grant gained more than 50 pounds, rebuilding his strength and confidence along the way. Today, he continues that journey in the Y’s newly renovated Wellness Center, where the expanded weight room offers space to grow stronger and stay connected with the friends who supported him from the start.

Now, Grant feels healthier, more confident, and more like himself than he has in years—a powerful reminder that at the Y, transformation begins with connection.

HE DIDN’T GIVE UP—HE FOUND THE Y

Tim Holston

“When Tim first came to the Y, he walked in with a cane and a quiet determination. Every time I see him now, I can’t help but tell him how fantastic he looks. He’s put in so much work and inspires everyone around him,” says Tameeka, Southeastern Indiana YMCA, Membership and Operations Director.

For Tim, the Y has been more than a fitness center—it’s been a lifeline. After years of living with chronic pain, damaged joints, and limited mobility, he refused to let his body define his future. When doctors told him there was nothing more they could do, Tim found a new kind of therapy within the Y’s walls. He started small—knee lifts in the shallow end of the pool, gentle movements that reignited his hope. The water became his partner in recovery, giving him freedom and strength when walking on land was too painful.

Two and a half years later, Tim is down 130 pounds and, for the first time, is walking into the gym without his cane. He still lives with pain, but he chooses movement over medication and progress over pity. “A town this size is so fortunate to have a Y like this,” Tim says. “It’s changed my life.” Through perseverance, and the support of the Y community, Tim found a new rhythm—one that proves healing isn’t always about being pain-free, but about finding purpose, strength, and belonging along the way.

ADVANCING OUR CAUSE

Thank you to these foundations for choosing to support our cause by awarding over \$153,772 in grants to the Southeastern Indiana YMCA

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Thank you to these special donors for supporting the mission of the Southeastern Indiana YMCA through endowment contributions and estate gifts. Their generosity provides the lasting support our Y needs to promote healthy living for all, for generations to come.

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PROTECTING OUR KIDS**

378

students from St. Louis, St. Nicholas, Batesville Intermediate, Franklin County Schools and South Ripley Elementary Schools participated in our Safety Around Water program.

509

youth came to our Y to learn to swim. These programs are significantly supported by the Southeastern Indiana YMCA Annual Campaign to ensure that they are affordable for all.



Thanks to a grant from Ripley County Health Dept. our lifeguards are now equipped with the WAVE Drowning Detection System – which detects when a lifeguard enters the water to initiate a rescue, allowing for faster response.

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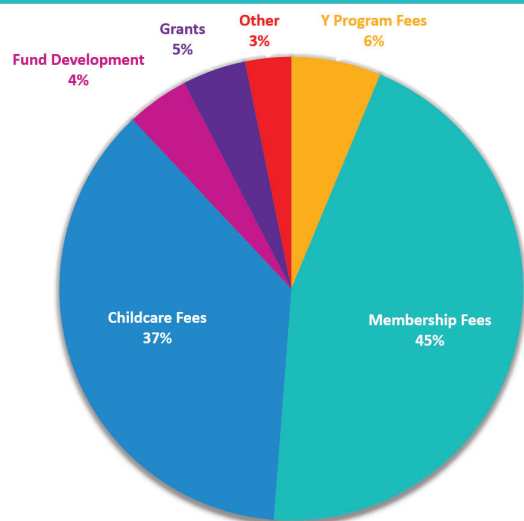
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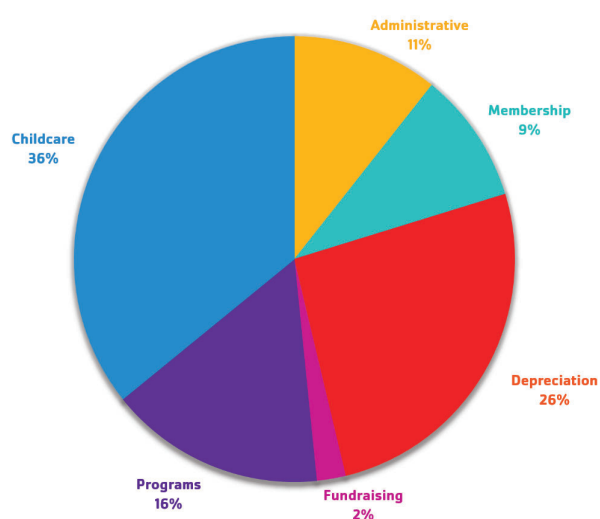
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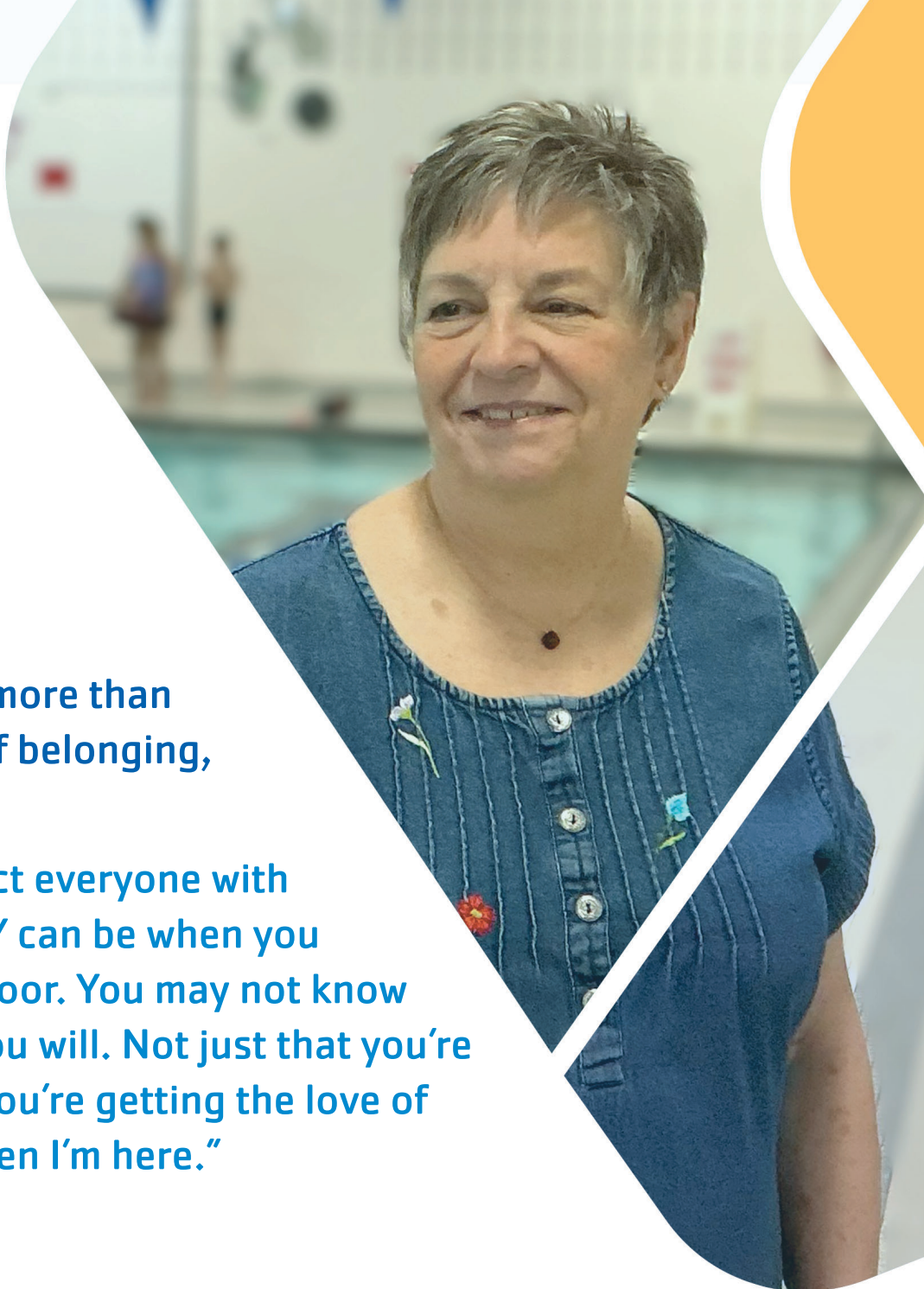
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For Margy, the Y is more than a gym. It's a place of belonging, faith, and joy.

"I just want to impact everyone with how important the Y can be when you walk through that door. You may not know it at the time, but you will. Not just that you're getting exercise—you're getting the love of God. I feel Jesus when I'm here."

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