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FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
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# MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

## SIDNEY-SHELBY COUNTY YMCA

**BY SUPPORTING THE SIDNEY-SHELBY COUNTY YMCA COMMUNITY PARTNERS CAMPAIGN, YOU ARE MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR ALL OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS TO HAVE RICHER AND MORE MEANINGFUL LIVES.**

**In 2015, the SIDNEY-SHELBY COUNTY YMCA provided over \$180,000 in Financial Assistance to area families:**

**Active Older Adults** – being active is the key to maintaining vitality in older years.

**Child Care** – one out of every two children enrolled in our Child Development Center received assistance to ensure a safe place to learn, grow and thrive.

**Swim Lessons** – this valuable life skill is taught to hundreds of children each year through our Water Safety program and swim classes

**Summer Camp** – almost half of our campers received assistance providing them a summer filled with nature, outside play, friendship and more in a caring, safe environment.

**PLUS, Numerous Community Collaborations**



**Open-Door Policy** – Approximately 2000 individuals each year receive assistance for memberships and program participation. Financial assistance helps provide opportunities for programs such as Teen Leadership, swimming lessons, child care and many other vital services and programs. Your support makes it possible for the Y to never turn anyone away.

**Catholic Social Services** – Area child care organizations come together at the YMCA for a series of free ODJFS training workshops in partnership with Catholic Social Services.

**Clear Creek Foster Home** – Foster children are provided with financial assistance which allows them to join the Y and benefit from all that the Y has to offer.

**Community Events** – The YMCA supports and participates as a leading partner in community-wide events such as Estate Planning Seminars, Economic Outlook Luncheon, Kids around the Court Square, and community health fairs.

**Community Drives** – the YMCA supports and participates in annual food drives, coat drives, Ohio Special Olympics and several relief efforts.

**Community of Learners** – 4C Community of Learners is designed to improve teacher and director quality through the training and implementation of intentional teaching principles. In this year-long program, preschool teachers and administrators from the same program work together as pairs. They meet monthly to learn how to use data—from formal child assessments to classroom self-assessments such as CLASS—in integrated ways to evaluate the whole

child, provide effective, intentional instruction and engage parents. Each meeting is followed by on-site coaching to help the teacher and administrator put into practice what they have learned.

**D.A.R.E. Summer Program** – the Y works with the Shelby County Sherriff's Office and their Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program to provide 3-month summer memberships to youth in Shelby County.

**Diabetes Education Class** – This free, six week class is provided to the community in partnership with Wilson Health, Bunny's Pharmacy and The Medicine Shoppe.

**Edison Students** – Nursing students are allowed to set-up in the lobby to practice their skills of checking blood pressure and other services for anyone interested.

**Men's Christian Fellowship** – Non-denominational group which meets monthly for an opportunity to share about God, apply His teachings and pray together.

**Only Believe Ministries** – Small Group meetings, monthly.

**Outside The Camp** – is a revolutionary Christian day camp held annually in Shelby County, Ohio. OTC is the combined efforts of 30+ area ministries working together to seek, receive, and carry out God's will for the camp – all to the glory of GOD alone. No mention is ever purposely made of those ministries who work together for God at OTC to embrace, equip, and inspire young people ages 12-17. This camp meets at the Y with no cost to OTC or its participants.

**Parenting Education Class** – This three hour class meets at no cost to participants each week at the YMCA for two ten week sessions per year. Classes teach parents and children positive ways to communicate and strengthen their families.

**P.O.W.E.R.** – The Shelby County United Way announced its new Women's Initiative, P.O.W.E.R. The acronym stands for Passionate Optimistic Women Encouraging Results. This group uses the Y for various meetings at no cost.

**Shelby County Health And Awareness Fair** – in collaboration with Wilson Memorial, Dorothy Love, and the Senior Center, the YMCA hosts, on a rotating basis, this health fair for seniors and families in the community.

**Shelby County CASA/GAL** (Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian Ad Litem) – the YMCA supports this organization through donations to their annual auction, selling tickets to their main fundraiser and providing rehearsal space at no cost for "Dancing With Our Stars".

**Sidney Christian Schools** – Fees for those who cannot afford the two hour per week, twelve-week "Swim and Gym Season" are waived.

**SPLASH Water Safety Week** – Close to 500 children participate in a week-long program designed to teach water safety skills, rescue skills, basic swimming skills, and character development. We know of at least two instances where parents have credited this program with saving lives of their children.

**YMCA Healthy Kid's Day** – Each year the YMCA opens its doors and invites all to participate in a series of festive, fun activities for youth and families focused on promoting healthy lifestyles.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT TO CHANGING ONE LIFE AT A TIME. YOU ARE THE REASON WE TOUCH SO MANY LIVES. EVERY GIFT COUNTS!**

