TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A BETTER US
The Y Mission

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THE Y IN OUR COMMUNITY: 2017

• Membership Units: 41,900 and over 104,000 people
• People Served in Programs & Activities: 230,000
• Annual Volunteers: 9850
• Provides more than 250 homeless youth safe, stable housing.
• 115,000 healthy meals annually
• $9.5 million in financial assistance to more than 27,000 people
• 13 branches, 2 overnight camps, and numerous partnerships, and facilities across the region.
We’re an inclusive organization with a shared commitment to nurture the potential of youth, promote healthy living and foster social responsibility.
Madurai YMCA School for the Mentally Challenged
YMCA SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR THE MENTALLY CHALLENGED.

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The only disability in life is a bad attitude.
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Family situation- we have a really hard time finding care for our son as he always needs one on one supervision. We have tried several respite companies but none of the respite providers have stayed beyond the first visit as they haven't been able to keep up with our son's challenging needs. We are always looking for activities for our son to partake in on weekends.

YMCA respite program has been perfect as they have provided our son with the strict supervision he requires making us as parents feel completely safe leaving him there. Since it is well structured and organized, he thoroughly enjoys the sessions. He comes back home calm and happy and enjoys bag he receives.

Results are that we get to run all our groceries and errands which are normally very stressful when our son comes along. We find this program extremely beneficial to us as well as our child.
Ann – Trenton’s Mom
Thank you for starting this program and putting factors in place in hopes of aiding its growth!
Our family situation consists of me being a single parent without outside help. Although, DDA provides respite care funds, it is nearly impossible to find caretakers for high needs kids for a myriad of reasons. Unfortunately, finding activities that high needs children are welcome to participate in are few and far in between and there certainly aren't options for regularly scheduled activities.
Child has the opportunity to increase his independence and social skills. The event allows me the time to care of other household chores that are impossible to complete with him around. The event has also afforded me the opportunity to realize that I have no idea what to do with free time because my and my child's lives are completely interdependent.
How did the YMCA respite program help address the situation?

A structured activity that accommodates special-needs children outside of home and school is exceedingly rare. Kaitlyn's social life mainly revolves around school and home only. She does not have playdates etc. or interactions beyond the family outside of school. The respite program provides her a new environment to grow, learn and socialize.

What do you see as the results for using the YMCA respite program?

It is an opportunity for Kaitlyn to grow, learn and socialize outside the context of home and school. It is an event that is focused on her being a participant instead of being an observer. As parents we can also focus time on the other sibling's activities without being stretched too thin. The YMCA respite program is much needed.
Sarah Jackson – Celena’s Mom
I am a single parent of a daughter with cerebral palsy. My daughter has no real social activities or friends outside of school. We were excited about the respite program because it gave me a break and my daughter has a social activity.
The respite program has given my daughter a place to go hang out with other kids. She loves coming to respite. It has given me a much needed break. Able to do self care so I can continue to take care of my daughter. We both appreciate the program and hope it will continue.