



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

About the Y – Fact Sheet

The Y's Mission: To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Our Cause: At the Y, strengthening community is our cause. Every day, we work side-by-side with our neighbors to make sure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn and grow.

Who We Are: The Y is the nation's leading nonprofit committed to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

- **Youth Development - Nurturing the potential of every child and teen.**
Nine million youth are taking a greater interest in learning; making smarter life choices; and cultivating the values, skills and relationships that lead to positive behaviors, the pursuit of higher education and goal achievement.
- **Healthy Living - Improving the nation's health and well-being.**
Millions of adults and youth receive the support, guidance and resources needed to achieve better health and well-being.
- **Social Responsibility - Giving back and providing support to our neighbors.**
Across the country, the Y helps people give back and assist their neighbors by offering them opportunities to volunteer, advocate and support programs that strengthen community.

The Y's Impact:

- 2,600+ locations in 10,000 communities across the country.
- 16.9 million people (10.3 million adults and 6.6 million youth) of all ages, incomes, backgrounds and abilities come to the Y to learn, grow and thrive.
- More than 360,000 volunteers – kids, parents, individuals, and business and community leaders –are personally vested in strengthening their communities.
- 277,000 dedicated full and part time staff are employed at YMCAs across the country.
- 805,000 Military personnel and their families receive support through child care, education, health programs, financial and job search assistance, and more.
- 2.3 million kids are served nutritious meals through YMCA programs annually.
- 929,000 kids learn essential swim skills and water safety each year.
- 73% of the U.S population lives within 10 miles of a YMCA.

Involvement at the Y: The Y hopes to engage more people in the communities it serves whether it is as a member, volunteer, supporter or advocate. All play a vital role in strengthening our communities. To learn more visit ymca.org. Each YMCA association is an independent, autonomous organization with its own governing board, professional staff and assets.

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