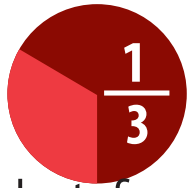


Thank you for investing in our communities!



YMCA
**STRONG
KIDS**
CAMPAIGN



**CHILDREN
LEARNED
TO SWIM**

due to financial assistance

Your support ensures no one is left behind; children, youth and families can access programs and services that provide opportunities to grow in mind, body and spirit. Not only are you making a difference in the lives of these individuals, but you are helping build a healthy community.

Here is Jim's amazing story:

"Over the years I have heard about kids at the Y who were given a helping hand and how it contributed to meaningful and positive experiences. Even though the inner strength of my own family was very strong, we were a large family of 10 with little means so can empathize as I also benefitted from outside experiences. This is why I believe so strongly in the cause. This past year I was the captain of a team for the "YMCA Sweat for Strong Kids" event and embraced this role (as did my wife). We brought our community of friends, family, Y members and Y staff together and formed "The Spinners" (which keeps growing as interest keeps gaining). We all contribute and share the responsibility of raising funds for YMCA Strong Kids. It's a fun, sociable, positive way to get involved and help provide others with experiences they might not be able to afford otherwise. It's very rewarding and I'm proud to be a Spinner."



Celebrating the Year

- Over 138,183 children, youth and adults were served
- \$2.4 million was provided to assist low income families, children, adults and seniors
- 3,000+ Newcomers to Canada, including many families, welcomed with language instruction and cultural support
- 3,700 children were served in our child care and school aged programs
- Over 8,500 children and youth experienced our YMCA Day Camps and YMCA Camp Queen Elizabeth

Your Gift Matters

Because of you:

- **192 camper weeks** were provided at YMCA Camp Queen Elizabeth



What's Happening...

Construction is underway at the **Southwest Community Centre, YMCA and Library.**

In participation with the City of London and London Public Library, this new 80,000 sq ft facility includes a community centre with multi-purpose community space, indoor pools and a gymnasium, double pad arena, YMCA fitness facility and Library branch.



We have much to celebrate but even more to do. With your help, we will grow a vibrant hub for family, fitness and community.

A project for childhood, community-building, capacity and change. Child by child, neighbourhood by neighbourhood. Building leadership, acquiring new skills. Combating isolation, supporting mental and physical health. **For you. With you.**

At YMCA Camp Queen Elizabeth...



Investment continues in this island jewel. Here's how:

- Through our Window of Opportunity Campaign, we replaced all windows in camper cabins.
- Jordan's Run the Runway annual 5km run continues to build an endowment that supports ongoing capital needs and will provide subsidized camp experiences to children each summer.

Have you included the Y in your estate plans?

Many donors support charity in their estate plans. Planned giving can have many advantages for a donor including, income and estate tax deduction the avoidance or lessening of capital gains tax liabilities. If you would like to share your planned giving intentions with the YMCA of Western Ontario, or have questions please contact *Christina Harley, Development Manager, 519-907-5500 x1152 | charley@ymcawo.ca*

EVERYONE deserves to have a place to belong