WHERE FAMILIES COME TOGETHER
GREATER JOLIET AREA YMCA
2013 COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT
OUR MISSION
To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

OUR CAUSE
The Y is a powerful association of men, women and children joined together by a shared commitment to nurturing the potential of kids, promoting healthy living and fostering a sense of social responsibility. We believe that lasting personal and social change can only come about when we all work together to invest in our kids, our health and our neighbors. That’s why at the Y, strengthening community is our cause. Every day, we work side-by-side with our neighbors in 10,000 communities to make sure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

OUR IMPACT
The Y is, and always will be, dedicated to building healthy, confident, connected and secure children, adults, families and communities. Every day our impact is felt when an individual makes a healthy choice, when a mentor inspires a child and when a community comes together for the common good.

ABOUT OUR Y
The Greater Joliet Area YMCA has been serving families from throughout Will County and its surrounding areas for 85 years. The Y brings families closer together, encourages good health, and fosters connections through fitness, sports, fun and shared interests. But, most importantly, its doors are open to everyone, regardless of age, income or background. At the Y, no one is ever turned away due to the inability to pay.

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY
The Greater Joliet Area YMCA was named the 2013 Business of the Year by the Joliet Chamber of Commerce at its annual dinner on November 4. Staff and volunteers were on hand to celebrate this amazing honor, as President and CEO Jim Watts, Chief Operating Officer Katy Leclair and Metropolitan Board of Directors Volunteer Donna Zanzola accepted the award on the Y’s behalf.
DEAR FRIENDS,

For 85 years, the Greater Joliet Area YMCA has been proud to help our neighbors learn, grow and thrive. We don’t just strengthen individuals, we strengthen entire communities. We are a 501 c (3) non-profit charity dedicated to youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Everyone is welcome; no one is turned away due to the inability to pay. We were humbled to receive special recognition for this important work when the Joliet Chamber of Commerce named our Y as the “2013 Business of the Year.”

Numbers and statistics are but one method used to quantify our success, but it is only part of the real picture. Our true success lies in the testimonies of the thousands of people we serve, resulting in changed, enhanced and saved lives. We hope that you will enjoy the touching stories of impact shared within this report.

We thank our hardworking and dedicated volunteers and staff for finding innovative approaches to improve the health of our community, help children succeed and offer meaningful ways for our members and program participants to grow and serve others. This innovation is reflected in the many major accomplishments we have seen over the past year, including:

- The revision of our Strategic Plan to include bold new goals and measurable indicators of success
- The launch of new before and after school and summer day camp programming at the Smith Family YMCA
- Membership growth of 10 percent; Summer day camp enrollment growth of 21 percent
- A 26 percent increase in charitable contributions; A successful 2013 Giving Gala, with record attendance and funds raised
- Major milestones reached in the Morris community, including the formation of the Morris Community YMCA Advisory Council and Program Steering Committee, the hiring of an Operations Director, and initiating the search for a temporary facility
- Renovation completed on the C. W. Avery Family YMCA Fitness Center and the formation of a “Land Acquisition” Committee

The true genius of the Y is the partnership between our volunteers, staff, donors and our community collaborations. Together, we are a powerful group of men, women and children committed to bringing lasting personal change to our communities. We extend our sincere thank you to all who bring the mission of the Y to life every day. We look forward to a very exciting year ahead!

Most sincerely,

[Signature]

James Watts
President and CEO
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### JOIN US. WE’RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE.
Several members of the Greater Joliet Area YMCA’s Metropolitan Board of Directors, including (l-r) Mike Noonan, Nick Macris and Ron Lindsay, enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at the Central City and Smith Family YMCA’s summer day camp picnic.
Number of swim lessons taught to area children, helping them learn to swim and feel safe in and around the water: 7,718

Youth taught the importance of good sportsmanship, teamwork and physical fitness by participating in various youth sports and wellness programs: 5,796

Elementary school students nurtured weekly through the Y’s before and after school programs: 1,171

Children engaged in exciting, safe and healthy activities through day, sports and specialty camps: 1,334

**Our Members and Program Participants:**
- Full Members: 27,224
- Program Members: 8,855
- Central City Participants: 745

**Our Volunteers and Staff:**
- Total Volunteers: 276
- YMCA Staff: 577

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**HEALTHY LIFESTYLES START HERE**

![Image of children running](image)

![Healthy Lifestyle Logo](logo)

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**ARTHUR G. & VERA C. SMITH FAMILY YMCA**
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The C.W. Avery Family YMCA has been a saving grace for nine-year-old Caleb Tabb, who has battled leukemia since the age of five. Last year, in the midst of his chemotherapy treatment, Caleb had the chance to spend an unforgettable four weeks at the Y’s summer camp.

“It was the anticipation of the activities, the friendships he made, and the staff that embraced him that would motivate Caleb to tolerate the treatment quickly so he could get back to the YMCA,” said his mother, Laurie. “I could never express in words what it meant to my family to see Caleb driven to get out of the hospital to get on with his life.”

Caleb was able to attend summer camp thanks to the Greater Joliet Area YMCA’s scholarship fund, which allows hundreds of families from local communities to come to the Y each year.

“The Y accommodated not only my financial need by securing a scholarship but they were extremely flexible in my payment schedule,” Laurie said. “I was treated with so much compassion and grace that I knew Caleb would be well taken care of while attending the program and using the facilities.”

Today, Caleb is able to play youth basketball—a sport that he absolutely loves. When his next birthday rolls around, Caleb wants to have a party at the Y. Laurie has expressed the deepest gratitude for the YMCA, and couldn’t be happier that her son has had the opportunity to become part of a caring community.

“YMCA scholarships reach real life people with real life circumstances, and they really can change a family, a life, just like it did for us,” Laurie said.
Sometimes the best stories are the most simple. Take John Vessel, for example, a Galowich Family YMCA member. John, the humble guy that he is, insists his story is “nothing elaborate or anything.” In a span of seven months, John, at age 44, lost over 60 pounds, and gradually worked his way to top physical form. He says his routine is pretty basic: He lifts weights and does some cardio. Not much more to it.

Like we said, John is a humble guy.

In late 2012, John came to the realization that he needed to get fit. For his sake. For his kids’ sake. “I thought, ‘I’ve got to give this a shot. I’m not getting any younger,’” John said.

He started swimming up to a mile a day—before trading the lap pool for the wellness center, where he could do his cardio and listen to his iPod (“I couldn’t have done it without music”).

John focused on his cardio, and as he worked towards his weight loss goal of 65 pounds, he began lifting more weights. Aside from his daily workout, John changed to a diet that consists mainly of turkey, chicken, tuna, fish and water. A whole lot of water, he says.

“The bottom line is food and exercise,” John said.

By April 2013, John reached his target weight goal and by the end of the year, he would be in the best shape of his life. John’s dedication is truly inspiring. He continues to visit the Galowich Family YMCA five days a week, perfecting his own path toward a healthy lifestyle.
For 18 years, the Greater Joliet Area YMCA has been blessed with the volunteerism of Kathy Kazmar, a generous donor, member and YMCA board volunteer. Since 1995, she has relentlessly devoted her time and resources to the growth of the C.W. Avery Family YMCA, opening doors and making an impact in the Plainfield community.

Kathy had a huge hand in getting the C.W. Avery Family YMCA built, but her greatest success was spearheading the launch of the Giving Gala—an annual black-tie event that raises money for the YMCA’s scholarship program. Since 2008, the Giving Gala has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to benefit families within our community, and continues to grow year after year.

The longevity and success of Mrs. Kazmar would not have been possible without the support of her husband, Mr. Ron Kazmar. Inspired by his better half, Ron recently decided to begin volunteering at the Y himself.

“What makes this country great is volunteerism,” Ron said. “I really think that’s something we all have to support, because if you don’t, I think the very fabric of society is in jeopardy.”

In 2013, Ron came aboard the YMCA’s Finance Committee and Board of Trustees. Meanwhile Kathy serves as the Chair of the Avery Advisory Board, and sits on the Executive Board and Metro Board.

“They call me passionate about the Y now,” Kathy said. “I really love this Y. I love to see the kids. I love to see the parents enjoying it. We’re enjoying it so much.”

Moving forward, Kathy and Ron hope to continue supporting the Y and its future endeavors for years to come. As Kathy says, “Giving back, you get so much more than you can give.”
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C.W. Avery Family YMCA member (second from left) Dr. Peter Nichols celebrates his 90th birthday at the Y.

Galowich Family YMCA member Grandma Judy Kirkeeng loves her Y kids.

Will County States Attorney James Glasgow makes a special visit to the Smith Family YMCA to observe day camp activities.
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### Responsible Stewardship

**2013 Financials**

**INCOME:**
- **MEMBERSHIP:** $3,357,957
- **PROGRAM:** $3,125,075
- **CONTRIBUTIONS:** $628,283
- **SALES AND SERVICE:** $101,351
- **TOTAL INCOME:** $7,212,666

**EXPENSES:**
- **WAGES:** $3,436,587
- **SUPPLIES AND FEES:** $1,606,255
- **DEBT REDUCTION:** $195,096
- **INSURANCE BENEFITS AND TAXES:** $683,245
- **UTILITIES, FEES AND OPERATING EXPENSES:** $572,099
- **DEPRECIATION/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:** $712,800
- **TOTAL EXPENSES:** $7,206,082

**BOTTOM LINE:** $6,584

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED IN 2013:**
- **MEMBERSHIP & PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS:** $461,234
- **SUBSIDIZED PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH:** $124,031
- **FREE & SUBSIDIZED PROGRAMS TO UNDERSERVED IN JOLIET:** $157,451
- **TOTAL:** $742,716

**TOTAL SUPPORT GENERATED IN 2013:**
- **UNITED WAY ALLOCATION:** $194,260
- **YMCA RAISED SUPPORT:**
  - **ANNUAL CAMPAIGN:** $207,295
  - **SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS & GRANTS:** $77,500
  - **ENDOWMENT INCOME:** $41,647
  - **YMCA GIVING GALA:** $70,198
- **TOTAL:** $590,900*

*An additional $151,816 of YMCA membership and program revenue was utilized to fund our charitable mission and meet the needs of the communities we serve.*
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YMCA staff and volunteers supporting the United Way of Grundy County in Morris.

Staff and volunteers participate in the YMCA’s General Assembly in Philadelphia.

Staff, volunteers and members celebrating the grand opening of the C.W. Avery Family YMCA’s new wellness center.