



The Impact of Charitable Giving on Camp Time at the Y!

If you are reading this newsletter standing anywhere near the Market Street facility, Camp West Mar or many other locations in Frederick County, you will hear the sound of children laughing, learning and enjoying their summer. That is because the YMCA of Frederick County is the largest summer camp provider in Frederick County! We see approximately 1,000 children PER DAY over a 12 week period; offering 40+ day camp options for campers preschool through high school age. We have specialty camps in the arts, humanities and sports, and for those with special needs.

The YMCA of Frederick County has been serving the community for over 160 years and serving children through camps for longer than we can remember. Our camps offer a safe nurturing place where children build self-esteem, leadership skills and a sense of responsibility for themselves and for the world around them. According to Ryan Murphy, Summer Camp Director "Summer Camps at the YMCA help kids discover their personal talents, build friendships and find a place to belong. Offering scholarships that provide the camp opportunity to all kids allows us to fulfill our mission aligned goal to provide enriching and powerful programs to everyone in our community."

During Summer 2017, we will be providing scholarships to those who are unable to afford the cost associated with the camps; the source of those scholarships is from our Annual Campaign AND from the designated scholarship funds that are held in our endowment. Our policy is to never turn away a child or family just because they can't afford the program; accordingly, we estimate that we will provide scholarships of about \$100,000 for this summer alone.

One way that you can help fund these scholarships is to become a member of the Heritage Club and/or the Legacy Society. Membership in these groups indicates that you have made a current or future gift to the endowment of the Frederick County YMCA, and it also indicates your commitment to healthy and happy future generations of kids and their families!

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Should you or a loved one be interested in learning more about planned giving options at the YMCA of Frederick County, please contact Tom Clingman at (301)663-5131 or tclingman@frederickymca.org