



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

We believe in our community—the families, the kids, the seniors—and know it is the best place to come home to after a day’s work, to gather with a few friends, and to grow up healthy and strong, safe and secure. Like you, the Tri-Town YMCA has big dreams that start with nurturing our children physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. We want to take the loneliness out of senior lives. We want to put the “happy” in families and see lots of smiles on the faces of seniors and kids enjoying our programs.

The Face of a Dream. Meet Braden. He’s built an admirable reputation at Tri-Town for his adorable ways and grown-up conversations. When he entered our after-school program, Braden had been suffering from headaches. At just seven years old, he was diagnosed with craniopharyngioma, a brain tumor. After a successful surgery, Braden happily returned to his Tri-Town family. His compassionate teachers understood and worked with his physical challenges to help him heal quickly in body and spirit. Y staff met with Braden’s mom, who was deluged with medical bills, and offered her the assistance she needed. Today, Braden is one thriving Y’s Kid.



Every dollar donated to Tri-Town YMCA is a direct investment in kids like Braden. Your donation may be the difference between a child going to bed hungry or enjoying a nutritious meal. It could mean a little girl who has made a friend she can see outside of school...instead of another night of tears on her mom’s shoulder. Or your donation might make it possible for a determined father to look for a job while his little one is delighted to feel a part of an after-school program with new friends and enriching opportunities.

You are the hope of our community. And here’s what you can accomplish through your Tri-Town donation:

- Fewer growling tummies and hunger pangs. More than 11,000 nutritious meals and snacks will be served this year in conjunction with the Northern Illinois Food Bank at our neediest sites.
- More confident, successful kids. Summer campers and after-school readers will soar and explore the world, transported by over 16,000 hours of supplemental literacy instruction.
- Fewer kids home alone. Tri-Town has eight safe havens where kids come together before or after school in a loving and academically enriching environment.
- Healthy and happy kids. From the littlest to the oldest, program participants learn healthy habits that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

- Better food, not fast food. Y-sponsored community gardens mean quick, fresh vegetables and fruits, while coolers/freezers donated to local food pantries enable healthy food storage.
- Empowered high school seniors. College scholarships are offered to well-deserving student leaders and volunteer-oriented students.
- No one turned away from programs based on ability to pay. Last year, more than \$60,000 in financial assistance was provided.

We are proud to be your partner, and we ask that you please support Tri-Town YMCA this year. Your gift makes a difference to someone. . . and can make dreams come true.

The Dream Team. Tri-Town YMCA is made up of countless parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and more than 250 children who participate in our programs. They are families like yours. They celebrate academic successes...they hurt at the sudden loss of a loved one. They have lost a job or even their home. Some families are healthy, while others are challenged by severe issues like autism. Still others are healing from the horrors of a past abuse. Through these situations, your dollars help us stand strong and be a source that these families can turn to, and count on, during life's ups and downs.

Since 1966, we have shared your mission of making a difference to kids and families, like those above. Your contribution helps to pay for after-school and summer academic enrichment opportunities, including nearly 9,000 hours of STEM activities, which spark imaginations and prepare young learners for a successful career path in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Your donation is so much more than the dollar value...it's a dream of love, happiness, and a healthy mind, body, and spirit.

Each and every gift makes a difference and is tax deductible. At the \$100 Century Club level, donors are recognized as sustaining members of our Y and receive a plaque as a symbol of our gratitude for their commitment. A \$4.80 weekly donation provides year-round help to a struggling family or to a child in need. As a token of our gratitude to these Patron of Youth benefactors, it is our honor to provide a choice of a Tri-Town YMCA plaque, polo shirt, or baseball cap. Patrons will also receive an invitation to the annual dinner where we share our accomplishments and future plans with our special guests.

Please consider donating to Tri-Town YMCA through the enclosed contribution envelope or online via PayPal at our website www.tritownymca.org. We understand if you are unable to contribute at this time. Please pass the envelope on to a friend or loved one to help fundraise for our ongoing programs and events.

Thank you for helping Y's Kids like Braden and others live the dream they deserve!

Blessings to you and your family,

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