



NO PLACE Like *This Place*

Dear Friend of the Canton Family YMCA,

Every parent wants the same thing for their child: a safe place to grow, caring adults who believe in them, and opportunities to feel confident and included.

For many families in our community, the Y makes that possible.

In 2026, families continue to face difficult choices. Your gift helps ensure they don't have to choose between essentials and their child's well-being.

A gift of **\$100 or more** can help provide a week of camp, after-school care, swimming lessons, youth sports programs or teach a child how to tumble—but every gift, at any level, makes a difference. A gift of **\$1000 or more** will provide a family membership for anyone who needs it.

Recently, a parent came to the Y worried about how they would keep their child safe after school while juggling work and rising expenses. Their child was quiet at first, unsure if they would fit in. Within weeks, everything changed. Afternoons at the Y became the highlight of the day—new friends & growing confidence. For the parent, it meant peace of mind. For the child, it meant belonging.

That's the impact of the **Strong Kids Campaign**.

Because of supporters like you, children and families at our Y can count on:

- Safe, supportive care after school
- Swim lessons that build confidence and essential safety skills
- Camp experiences where kids can laugh, learn, and be themselves
- A welcoming environment where no family is ever turned away due to inability to pay

For parents, Strong Kids means knowing their child is safe and supported.

For children, it means being seen, valued, and given the chance to thrive.

When you give to Strong Kids, you are standing with children and families and strengthening the community we all share.

Thank you for caring about kids. Thank you for supporting families. Thank you for being part of the Y—for a better us. ®

With heartfelt gratitude,

Mark Sawyer
Executive Director/CEO
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