

# Your Gift Matters

Last year more than 2,600 community members contributed to the YMCA's Strong Communities Campaign. Thanks to the generosity of people like you, the Y is able to give more than \$2.2 million annually in scholarships and reduced fees that enable children, families and adults to participate in local YMCA programs.

With your support YMCA programs can be available to the entire community, regardless of ability to pay. That's because your donation is used to help someone who otherwise would not have the chance to benefit from a Y program. One way the YMCA accomplishes its mission is by providing children with access to camping programs at Camp Collins.



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## The YMCA Value

Camp Collins supports a child's discovery of untapped talents and interests. Activities challenge campers physically, socially and spiritually through values-based programming. As a result, campers return home with a sense of personal growth and achievement and have built friendships and lifelong memories.

## Ready. Set. Camp.

Each year more than 2,000 children experience fun-filled activities, make new friends, build self-esteem, develop new skills, learn about the environment and spend lots of time in the great outdoors. They're at Camp Collins ... where friendships begin and the fun never ends.

At the YMCA we believe that all youth should be given these experiences and the generosity of YMCA donors makes that possible.

## Measurable Results

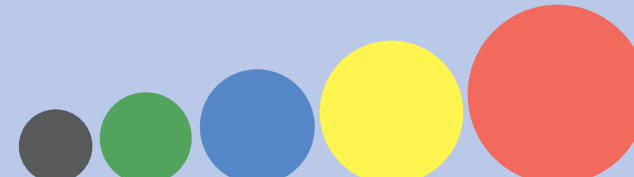
Your gifts help kids reach their full potential.

- 438 children received financial assistance thanks to donations like yours
- A \$515 gift provides a child with the opportunity to experience camp for a week
- 93% believe that through YMCA activities they have learned it's important to help other people



You *are* what you *do*

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## Don't Jump off the Top Bunk

Two thousand children spend a week at Camp Collins each year. They return home with memories of nature hikes, some dirty clothes and stories of their favorite camp counselor.

Meet 19-year-old Danielle Beauchaine, known to her 7- to 9-year-old charges as DotCom. She's the kid taking care of our kids at camp. In purple hoodie and blue jeans she can console a homesick third-grader with a single hug.

She came to Camp Collins nine years ago as a camper and still remembers her first counselor. Every week she watches over a dozen new girls and can't imagine a summer anywhere else. "It's a place where I feel really happy," Beauchaine says.

"You can see the passion she has for camp in her eyes and you can hear it in her voice," says Willard Burks, Camp Collins executive director. Her campers leave hand written notes on the cabin walls that include, "I miss you a lot," and "You're an awesome counselor."

Danielle's parents have watched her use the leadership skills she developed at camp in all parts of her life, from the high school color guard to her transition to college. Danielle's experiences at Camp Collins have forever changed her life and the lives of quite a few campers.



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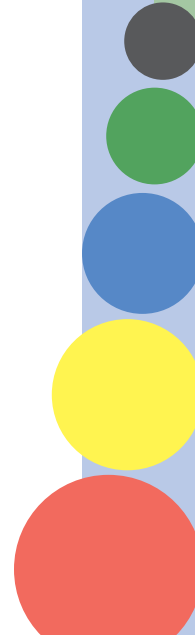
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Thank you for supporting the YMCA, where we build a healthy spirit, mind and body. There are many ways you can make a difference. To learn more, volunteer or make a donation visit us at [www.ymca-portland.org](http://www.ymca-portland.org).



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*to campers*



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We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.