

2023

Lawrence County YMCA

**IMPACT
REPORT**

FOREVER
WITH OUR **COMMUNITY**

The Y.™ For a better us.





OUR COMMITMENT

The Lawrence County YMCA is committed to helping all members of our community have a better quality of life by enhancing the physical, mental, spiritual and social aspects of their life. Whether it is a young child learning to swim, an individual trying to improve their health and reach a weight loss goal or a senior who is maintaining their independence by continuing a healthy lifestyle while bonding with others, the Lawrence County YMCA offers first rate facilities to achieve those goals.

The Lawrence County YMCA has pledged to turn no one away from access to our programs and services if they are unable to pay the regular fees for those activities. The Y honors that pledge through generous contributions to our Annual Campaign from members and businesses in our community. Because of these contributions, in 2023 the YMCA was able to provide \$417,000 in membership and program scholarships to kids, adults, families, and senior community members who were facing financial challenges.

We invite YOU to join the Y in our commitment to make the lives of EVERYONE in OUR COMMUNITY better by donating to our Annual Campaign. Every dollar that is contributed to the Y is dedicated to having a positive impact on anyone who walks through our doors.

You may donate online at <https://operations.daxko.com/online/5052/OnlineGiving/Donation.mvc>

Sincerely,
William J. Flannery
2024 Annual Campaign Chair and
Vice-President, Lawrence County YMCA Board of Directors

OUR IMPACT



YOUR ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DONATIONS AT WORK

Thanks to the generosity of those who contribute to our Annual Campaign, we are able to offer valuable youth programs to the community at free or reduced cost, grant financial assistance for those in need, and give back to the community through local partnerships.



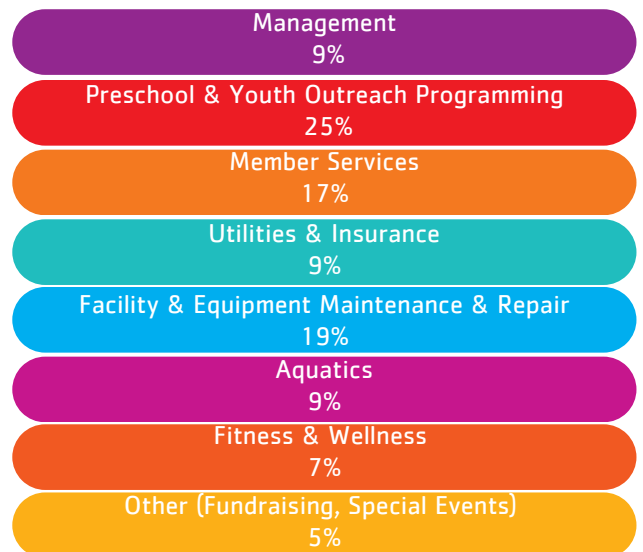
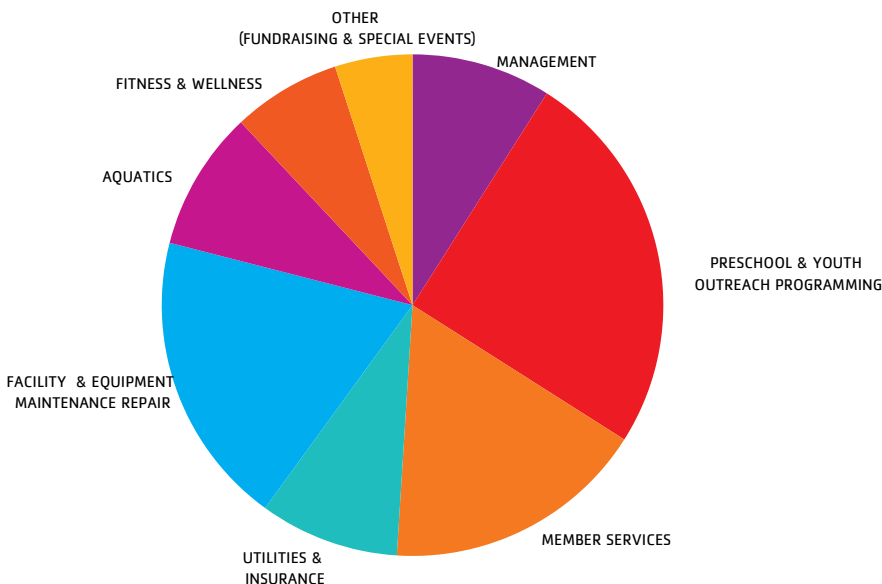
- **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: \$68,216**
 Y on the Fly & School Learn to Swim
 Youth Education & Leadership
 Diamond Girls , Healthy Kids Day, & Trunk or Treat
 Youth Swim, Sports & Play
 Progressive Swim Lessons, Summer Learn to Swim,
 Family Fun Events

- **HEALTHY LIVING: \$268,161**
 General Membership Assistance
 Older Adult Access, 7th Grade Initiative & Open to All

- **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: \$87,544**
 Giving Through Partnerships
 Special Olympics, 1-2-1 Mentoring, Arise,
 Summer Free Lunch Program, Local Schools & Charities

YOUR MEMBERSHIP DOLLARS AT WORK

Membership revenue allows us to offer high quality member services as well as youth, adult and family programs at two locations: the New Castle YMCA and the Preston-Chambers Y-Zone.



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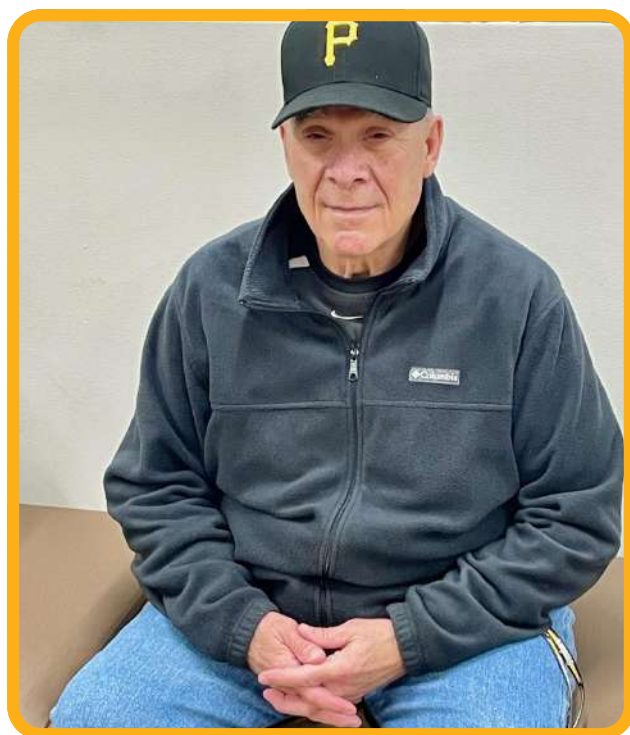
BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS & COMMUNITY

Mick Annarella's story is one of resilience, community, and the transformative power of the YMCA. As a lifelong resident of the New Castle area, Mick's journey with the YMCA began six years ago following his retirement from the Steel Industry. With newfound time on his hands, Mick sought out the YMCA as a place to stay active and connected.

From the moment Mick walked through our doors, he became a familiar face, gracing our facility six days a week. Embracing a diverse range of classes, Mick dives into his workouts with enthusiasm, participating in Yoga, TRX, and Les Mills Body Combat. His early morning visits are a testament to his lifelong habit of rising with the sun, a routine he maintains even in retirement, stating that "for me, the YMCA is somewhere to go early in the morning. The classes that are available are fun, and taught by instructors that are professional and friendly."

Yet, it's not just the workouts that keep Mick coming back—it's the sense of community that fills the YMCA's halls. For Mick, the YMCA is more than just a gym; it's a place where friendships are forged, and bonds are strengthened. He speaks fondly of the camaraderie he has found among fellow members, describing them as "awesome" and noting their unwavering support during his recovery from hip surgery stating, "They were even calling to check up on me after I had my hip surgery!"

In Mick's eyes, the YMCA is a sanctuary—a place where he can not only strengthen his body but also nourish his soul. It's where he finds encouragement, laughter, and a sense of belonging. Mick's story serves as a poignant reminder of the profound impact the YMCA has on the lives of individuals within our community. As we continue our mission to empower and support all who walk through our doors, we are honored to have Mick Annarella as a cherished member of our YMCA family.



Pictured Above: Mick Annarella at the Downtown YMCA

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SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

In October of 2022, I arrived at Highland House in New Castle, seeking the next crucial step in my recovery journey from a challenging 18-year battle with opiate addiction. Little did I know that this transitional phase would lead me to an unexpected source of support and transformation—the New Castle YMCA.

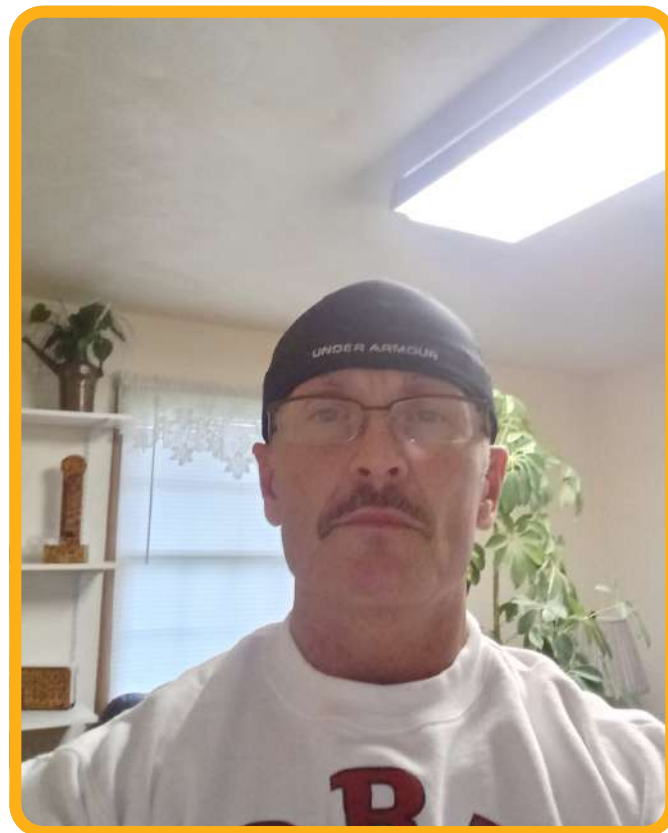
As part of the Highland House program, I gained access to the YMCA facilities, particularly the workout spaces. Over the subsequent months, something extraordinary began to unfold—I started forming meaningful connections with fellow members. The camaraderie was so uplifting that my friend Tommy and I decided to submit job applications. Despite my own doubts stemming from the years of addiction, the warm and supportive atmosphere at the YMCA motivated me to take that step.

To my surprise, I received a call for an interview and eventually secured a position. The New Castle YMCA became more than just a workplace; it became a haven where I rediscovered my self-esteem. The YMCA staff saw potential in me when I couldn't see it in myself. Their unwavering faith became a catalyst for my personal growth.

Working at the New Castle YMCA feels like being part of a close-knit family, both with the staff and the members. It's more than a job; it's a community that extends genuine care and encouragement.

Reflecting on my journey, I acknowledge that by the grace of God, I stand clean today. The New Castle YMCA played a pivotal role in my recovery, helping me believe in myself again. It's not just a place of employment; it's a sanctuary of support and empowerment that has shaped my renewed sense of purpose.

-George Tonin, Wellness Associate



WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY

\$417,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2023, we provided over \$417,000 in membership assistance for kids, adults, families, and seniors in our community.



3,700 VOLUNTEER HOURS

More than 120 volunteers donated over 3,700 hours of their time to help support the mission of the Lawrence County YMCA.



920 SENIORS STAYING ACTIVE

We helped over 900 seniors (65+) to stay active and social through Silver Sneakers & other active older adult wellness programs.



16,600 MEALS SERVED

In 2023, we provided over 16,000 healthy meals and snacks to children in our programs and community. Nothing brings people together like a hearty meal!



210 CHILDREN CARED FOR

The Lawrence County YMCA provided childcare and summer camp for 210 children in our licensed childcare programs. That is OVER 200 smiling faces to celebrate!





3,583 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

In 2023, we hosted a diverse group of men, women and children in our facilities who are united by our shared commitment to strengthen our community.

1,875 GROUP EXERCISE SESSIONS

With a variety of group fitness classes, and personal training opportunities, we have something for every age and fitness level.

310 HEALTHY KIDS DAY PARTICIPANTS

In April 2023, over 300 kids and their families came to play and learn about keeping their minds and bodies active and healthy.

196 THANKSVIGING DAY 5K PARTICIPANTS

Friends and families enjoyed a Thanksgiving morning run & walk through Downtown New Castle to support their neighbors in need.

54 Y ON THE FLY OUTREACH VISITS

In the summer of 2023, we provided over 50 outreach visits to address the need for access to programs, resources, recreation, and positive engagement for kids and families in our community.

171 GENEROUS DONORS

The generosity of others is at the core of our existence. Our donors contributed more than \$260,000 to our 2022 Annual Campaign in addition to our special events.



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PROVIDING A PLACE FOR FAMILIES TO THRIVE

The Kinney family's journey with the YMCA is a testament to the profound impact our organization has on families. While Pastor Richard Kinney may be a familiar face from our 2023 Praise breakfast, the entire Kinney family actively participates in our community.

Christianna Kinney, the family's matriarch and homeschool teacher to her six children, leads by example as an engaged member of the YMCA. According to Christianna, the YMCA has been instrumental in cultivating enduring friendships that have enriched her life. She says she has met many wonderful people in group exercise classes, and said "Mary Kay's class is the best place to go to get a smile and some joy if you're feeling down." Notably, Christianna fondly recalls how she found her closest companion through the homeschool swim & gym program, highlighting the YMCA's role as a facilitator of lasting bonds and cherished relationships. Alongside her husband, she not only takes part in workouts and classes but also fosters a culture of involvement within her family. Their commitment extends to their children, who eagerly embrace the opportunities for growth and enrichment offered within our walls.

Last year, the Kinneys' three youngest children joined our Swim Team, immersing themselves in the world of competitive swimming with enthusiasm. Their excitement for the upcoming season reflects the positive impact our programs have had on their lives. Additionally, their oldest daughter, Shadai, completed the YMCA Lifeguard program and volunteers her time to ensure the safety of her fellow members.



The Kinney family's story exemplifies the transformative power of the YMCA as a place for families to come together, grow together, and build lasting relationships. Christianna is quick to say that for her, the YMCA has been about building relationships, and emphatically asked that I include this quote "Maria is a great example of this. I have prayed with her so many times, she is more than a director, when a leader stops to pray with you, she cares about every person that comes in the YMCA." From parents leading by example to children embracing new challenges, their journey embodies our core values of community, inclusion, and personal growth.

As we continue to foster an environment where families can thrive, we are proud to have the Kinney family as valued members of our YMCA community. Their dedication and commitment inspire us all, reminding us of the profound impact that our organization has on families' lives.

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CREATING A SAFE SPACE FOR KIDS

At its core, the Lawrence County YMCA stands as a beacon of inclusivity, providing a nurturing environment where all members of the community, regardless of ability, can learn, grow, and thrive. Led by Anita Murphy, Aquatics Director, the Lawrence County YMCA partners with local schools to teach elementary and special needs students water safety and swimming via the School Learn to Swim Program. The program has flourished over the years, and is currently serving Students from 5 different classes from the New Castle School District, Mohawk School District, and Union School District.

Anita's vision for the program goes beyond teaching swimming strokes; it's about empowering these exceptional individuals with life-saving water safety skills and promoting their overall health and wellness. Studies have shown that children with special needs are at a higher risk of accidental drowning by up to 160%, making water safety education crucial for this demographic. Through specialized instruction, the YMCA equips these children with confidence to safely navigate aquatic environments.

Speaking about the program recently, Michelle Kassi, Life Skill Special Education teacher at Union School District said "The students in my life skills classroom take part in swimming lessons at the Lawrence County YMCA twice a month throughout the school year. Each of my students have benefitted socially and physically from participating in these lessons. At the beginning of the school year, some of my students were scared to swim and three of them needed to use a floatation device. Now my entire class can swim the length of the pool without the use of floats. Swimming lessons from Anita have improved their self-confidence. My students, their families, and I are so proud of how far they can swim. Participation in swimming lessons at the Y has been a valuable tool to also promote the importance of staying healthy and safe. The staff at the Y does an excellent job explaining the rules and maintaining a safe environment. I know the skills learned, and the experiences my students have had at the Y, are an asset for their future success."

For many special needs children, learning to swim is a transformative experience, elevating confidence and self-esteem. Through the efforts of Anita and her team, the YMCA has become a lifeline for families with special needs children, offering a safe and welcoming space where they can learn, grow, and connect with others who understand their journey.

As the program continues to grow and evolve, the Lawrence County YMCA remains steadfast in its mission to empower all individuals, regardless of ability, to lead healthy, fulfilling lives.

"The school Learn to Swim program offered by the YMCA is an invaluable resource for both students in traditional elementary classes as well as students in learning-support and special needs classes. For many of these students, access to swimming lessons is not readily available due to financial constraints or limited opportunities. However, thanks to the YMCA's initiative, these students are given the opportunity to learn a crucial life skill that could potentially save their lives." -Dr. Gregg Paladina, Superintendent, New Castle Area School District





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The Y's Commitment to the community is developing new generations of changemakers who will create a community we all want to live in. We envision a Lawrence County where all people achieve health, gain confidence, make connections and feel secure at every stage of life.



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(724) 658-9211

OUR MISSION

At the Lawrence County YMCA our mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy body, mind and spirit for all.

OUR CAUSE

To strengthen the foundation of our community.

OUR IMPACT

At the Y, we measure the success of our cause by how well we engage communities in our three areas of impact:

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Nurturing the potential of every child and teen.

HEALTHY LIVING

Improving the nation's health and well-being.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Giving back and providing support to our neighbors.

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