



CONNECTING COMMUNITIES CHANGING LIVES

Illinois State Alliance of YMCAs



2025 Community Benefit Report

YMCAs across the state welcomed the community into their facilities, positively impacting more than **427,395** Illinoisans through membership and serving an additional **151,503** individuals through programs. YMCAs, like other non-profits throughout the state, face challenges to ensure adequate funding to address the increasing needs of their communities while also struggling with rising operating costs.



\$23,308,844

FEDERAL AND STATE ASSISTANCE RECEIVED

(including grants, community project spending, and state assistance such as child care assistance & food programs)



\$14,706,242

ANNUAL SUPPORT RECEIVED FROM COMMUNITY



\$13,229,366

CAPITAL SUPPORT RECEIVED FROM COMMUNITY



\$17,850,366

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GIVEN (scholarships/reduced fees)



The Illinois State Alliance of YMCAs and its 44 YMCA association partners strengthen the foundations of community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

For more information on Illinois YMCAs, please contact Andy Thornton, CEO at andy.thornton@illinoisymcas.org.

THE Y'S IMPACT ON...

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT - YMCAs supported youth and families through safe and enriching out-of-school-time programs, strategic partnerships, and adaptive programs.

HEALTHY LIVING - YMCAs prioritized healthy behaviors by welcoming the community into wellness centers, promoting drowning prevention and supporting those battling chronic diseases by offering evidence based programming.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY - YMCAs stepped up to meet the unique needs of their communities: vaccination education and clinics, blood drives, mental health services, food distribution, tax preparation, clothing drives, emergency immigrant housing and services, support of adults with developmental disabilities, and more.



ILLINOIS YMCAS SERVED THEIR COMMUNITIES IN A VARIETY OF OTHER WAYS:

Back-to-School Fairs • Backpacks & School Supplies • Blood Drives • CATCH • Coat/Clothing Collections • Community Christmas Dinner • Community Garden • Culinary Education • Diaper Drives • Family Food Market • Family Nights • Food Pantry • Fresh Produce for Seniors 60+ • Health Fairs • Healthy Kids Day Events • Healthy Kids University • Real Men Read Partner • Refugee Family Services • Santa Visits • Senior Lunch and Learn • STEAM • Thanksgiving Food Baskets • Toy Drives/Holiday Gift Collection • Vaccination Clinics • Warming/Cooling Centers

SAFETY NOW, SKILLS FOR LIFE

Drowning Prevention Grant



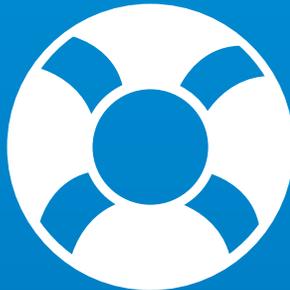
Every year in our country, approximately 900 children die from drowning, and thousands more are hospitalized as a result of non-fatal drownings. Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury for 5- to 14-year-old youth and disproportionately affects children of color. 64% of African American and 45% of Hispanic/Latino children are unable to swim, compared to 40% of Caucasian children. The National Autism Association reports that, from 2009-2011, accidental drowning accounted for approximately 90 percent of total U.S. deaths reported in children with autism ages 14 and younger due to wandering or elopement. Because most of these tragic deaths are preventable, drowning prevention is a priority for YMCA of the USA and YMCAs across the country.

In 2025, Illinois YMCAs delivered drowning prevention curriculum to 4,558 children free of charge through the **Safety Now, Skills for Life** statewide drowning prevention program. This initiative was funded through a Congressionally Directed Spending allocation in the amount of \$400,000. Initiated by Senator Tammy Duckworth, funds for this initiative were administered through the Department of Education. 100% of this program was financed with these funds.

GRANT

\$400,000

91% OF FUNDS DIRECTED TO PROGRAMS



4,558

YOUTH SERVED

87% SKILL IMPROVEMENT

OCTOBER 1, 2024 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025



22

YMCA ASSOCIATIONS

36

PROGRAM LOCATIONS

281

YMCA PROGRAMS

JUMP • PUSH • TURN • GRAB AND SWIM • FLOAT • SWIM

DEVELOPING FUTURE LEADERS • STAFF TRAINING ASSISTANCE

38%

of leadership event attendees received scholarships

114

individual scholarships awarded

\$248

average scholarship amount

2025

\$52,820

invested in professional development of IL YMCA staff

BELVIDERE FAMILY YMCA
220 W Locust St
Belvidere, IL 61008

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL YMCA
202 St. Joseph Dr.
Bloomington, IL 61701

BOB FREESEN YMCA
1000 Sherwood Ln
Jacksonville, IL 62650

BR RYALL YMCA
49 Deicke Dr,
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

CANTON FAMILY YMCA
1325 E Ash St
Canton, IL 61520

CHRISTIAN COUNTY YMCA
900 McAdam Dr
Taylorville, IL 62568

CLINTON COMMUNITY YMCA
417 S Alexander St
Clinton, IL 61727

DANVILLE FAMILY YMCA
1111 N Vermilion St
Danville, IL 61832

DECATUR FAMILY YMCA
220 W McKinley Ave
Decatur, IL 62526

DIXON FAMILY YMCA
110 N Galena Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

EDWARDSVILLE YMCA
1200 Esic Dr
Edwardsville, IL 62025

FAYETTE COUNTY FAMILY YMCA
710 Rock Island Ave
Vandalia, IL 62471

FOX VALLEY FAMILY YMCA
3875 Eldamain Rd
Plano, IL 60545

GATEWAY REGION YMCA
326 South 21st Street, 4th Floor
St Louis, MO 63103

GOLDEN CORRIDOR FAMILY YMCA
300 W Wise Rd
Schaumburg, IL 60193

GREATER JOLIET AREA YMCA
749 Houbolt Rd
Joliet, IL 60431

GREATER PEORIA FAMILY YMCA
7000 N Fleming Lane
Peoria, IL 61614

ILLINOIS VALLEY YMCA
300 Walnut Drive
Peru, IL 61354

IL YMCA YOUTH AND OVERNMENT
1315 Butterfield Road, Suite 218
Downers Grove, IL 60515

KANKAKEE AREA YMCA
1075 N Kennedy Dr
Kankakee, IL 60901

KISHWAUKEE FAMILY YMCA
2500 W Bethany Rd.
Sycamore, IL 60178

MATTOON AREA FAMILY YMCA
221 N 16th St
Mattoon, IL 61938

MCGAW YMCA
1000 Grove St
Evanston, IL 60201

MERCER COUNTY FAMILY YMCA
401 SW 2nd Ave
Aledo, IL 61231

NORTH SUBURBAN YMCA
2705 Techny Rd
Northbrook, IL 60062

OTTAWA YMCA
411 Canal St.
Ottawa, IL 61350

PAV YMCA
2947 Oak Park Ave
Berwyn, IL 60402

STATELINE FAMILY YMCA OF BELOIT
501 3rd Street
Beloit, WI 53511

STEPHENS FAMILY YMCA
2501 Fields South Drive
Champaign, IL 61822

STERLING-ROCK FALLS FAMILY YMCA
2505 YMCA Way
Sterling, IL 61081

STREATOR FAMILY YMCA
10 Oakley Avenue
Streator, IL 61364

TRI-TOWN YMCA
136 S. Cornell Ave.
Villa Park, IL 60181

TWO RIVERS YMCA
2040 53rd St
Moline, IL 61265

WEST COOK YMCA
255 S Marion St
Oak Park, IL 60302

YMCA OF JEFFERSON COUNTY
2424 Broadway
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

YMCA OF KNOX COUNTY
1324 W Carl Sandburg Dr
Galesburg, IL 61401

YMCA OF MCDONOUGH COUNTY
400 E Calhoun St
Macomb, IL 61455

YMCA OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO
1030 W Van Buren St
Chicago, IL 60607

YMCA OF NORTHWEST ILLINOIS
2998 W Pearl City Rd
Freeport, IL 61032

YMCA OF ROCK RIVER VALLEY
200 Y Blvd.
Rockford, IL 61107

YMCA OF SPRINGFIELD
701 S 4th St
Springfield, IL 62705

YMCA OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
1001 S Wright St
Champaign, IL 61820

YMCA OF WARREN COUNTY
700 W Harlem Ave
Monmouth, IL 61462

YMCA OF WEST CENTRAL ILLINOIS
3101 Maine St
Quincy, IL 62301