AT THE Y, YOUR GENEROSITY MEANS HOPE, GROWTH AND LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE FOR OTHERS.

Joshua’s Story

At age 4, Joshua was a sweet and quiet little boy. Timid on the playground, he was most comfortable with his arms wrapped around mom’s leg, watching the world happen around him. As he got older, his mom noticed other kids his age starting to explore – running, jumping, experiencing the world in new ways. But not Joshua. He stayed tucked away in his little bubble, only to observe the freedom and joy of other children from the inside out. Much of his daily experience came with anxiety and fear too much commotion always scared him. Even birthday parties, the highlight of a typical 4 year olds day, were an insurmountable feat, as the singing and the bustle were just too much. The world, in all its possibilities, often seemed to be too much for Joshua.

But then, Joshua’s mom was approached by a gentleman who worked at the commissary where Joshua and his family lived. He let her know that the Marine Corp Parents Association wanted to donate a week of camp at the Randolph Y to Joshua. Joshua’s mom was thankful and excited, but also nervous. The memories she had of camp as a child were full of new experiences and challenges – two things Joshua found impossible to endure. But they gave it a shot. The first day, Joshua was nervous, but he did it. At end of the day, he was so excited to tell his mom all about his day – about all the things he did and the people he met.

In his mom’s own words, “It was nothing short of amazing.” He was telling her the story of his day with joy, showing pride in himself, something he had never done before.
The next day, he couldn’t get back to camp fast enough—he ran right in, open to all that the day in front of him might have to offer. For a week, Joshua was just one of the kids—learning, growing, and becoming more and more Joshua every day.

Through generous donations to the YMCA Annual Campaign, Joshua was gifted two more weeks of camp. Everyone could see the awesome changes in Joshua. To the staff, it was palpable, energizing, and undeniable and they knew, for Joshua, it was essential—he simply needed and deserved to stay. Through the generosity of others, he was given that gift.

At a family trip to Sesame Place that August, he went on every ride, went down every water slide. Joshua’s mom watched him embrace a totally new place, full of new experiences and challenges with arms wide open, “He was a completely different kid.”

Joshua’s mom thinks back, “It’s hard to describe the difference I witnessed in Joshua. It was like some kind of therapy.” A therapy that spoke to a part of Joshua that was hard to find. She recalls the staff being so patient and kind—meeting Joshua where he was, with love and understanding, inviting him softly to join in and be a part of all the joy that was his for the taking. As Joshua’s mom says, “That summer was nothing short of life-changing.” That summer, the world opened up for an awesome little boy. It is experiences like Joshua’s that make the Y truly what it is. And it is only through the kindness of others that it is made possible.

At the Y, your generosity means hope, growth, and a life-changing experience for another member of your community.

The rewards are immediate, even if the gift comes years from now. You can help to ensure the long-term financial strength of our YMCA with a planned gift.

- Bequests from Wills
- Real Estate
- Stock
- Life Insurance
- Charitable Trusts
- Cash

OUR PROMISE
The YMCA is committed to long-term sustainability. We recognize the importance of delivering our critical services well into the future.

HOW YOU CAN HELP
Help us secure the future of the YMCA by including us in your estate planning.

Contact Jordan DiEgidio for more information.

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LEVELS OF GIVING
100% of your charitable donations go back to helping people in your community.

**SPONSOR**
**up to $99**
affords opportunities for kids to participate in a YMCA program where they can grow and thrive.

**BELIEVER**
**$500-$999**
awards two seniors one year of membership to enjoy socialization and wellness activities.

**FRIEND**
**$100-$299**
Provides swim lessons so a child can learn water safety & a life-long skill.

**CHAMPION**
**$1,000-$2,499**
provides one child a full year of after school care in a supervised & nurturing environment.

**PARTNER**
**$300-$499**
gives a child one week of summer camp to build friendships, skills and memories.

**HERO**
**$2,500 & over**
gives one year of aquatic therapy to someone with special needs or a physical disability.

SAVE THE DATE
2nd Annual “Swim for Sally” Honoring Sally Schenkman
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

In honor of Sally Schenkman’s spirit and in keeping with her belief of helping those that need it most, the Schenkman Family is continuing to lead an effort to raise money towards our Building What Matters Capital Campaign.

WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE TOGETHER

1. **CHOOSE YOUR WORKOUT**
or DO ALL 3!
   - SPIN 10/13
   - SWEAT 10/20
   - SWIM 10/20

2. **CELEBRATE WITH THE Y**
on 10/20 after the swim
   - REFRESHMENTS
   - FOOD
   - LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
   - AWESOME SPONSORS
US... IS EMPOWERING

When you donate to the Randolph YMCA, you make our community better and the "us" who live in them stronger. Every dollar donated has a lasting impact on the people in our area.

Every dollar you give to the Randolph YMCA’s Annual Campaign can change the life of a child, teen or a family in need. No one is every turned away. Your kindness can offer the chance of a lifetime to the people who need it most in our community. You can donate online or use our enclosed giving envelope.

For more information regarding our Annual Campaign contact Development Director Jordan DiEgidio, Jordan@randolphymca.org or (973)-366-1120 x38

Donate for a better us.