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THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT TO THE GREATER PALM HARBOR YMCA

FALL 2019

MISSION MOMENT BEST TRI-ATHLON EVER™



Families from all over Florida gathered at the Greater Palm Harbor YMCA branch on Sunday, August 25th to cheer on their kids who were participating in the 12th annual Kids Triathlon. Originally begun as a tribute to 9/11 victims, families, and fallen law enforcement personnel, this unique event is a

catalyst for bringing families and their children in our community together in a non-competitive event. Community engagement and encouragement has grown over the years helping give the kids a sense of purpose and accomplishment while building their confidence and inspiring a healthy lifestyle. This year, 166 children participated, mostly in the 7-10 age bracket.

As the community has come together, the sponsorship of this worthwhile event has grown. Their generous donations, not only allow some of these kids to take part in the triathlon, but also help additional health and wellness programs at the branch and support members who cannot afford the full membership costs.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The YMCA Mentoring program partners is a unique collaboration with Palm Harbor Middle School and the YMCA, joining together middle school students and caring adults from the Pinellas County business community in mentoring relationships to increase the likelihood that students will remain in school and graduate.

During weekly lunch sessions, mentors emphasize the importance of academic achievement while developing a caring relationship with students. Mentors and students set goals for academic and personal improvement.

The Branch is looking for mentors who can devote one hour per week. If you or someone you know is interested in helping, please contact Executive Director, Delonyx Cortez at dcortez@suncoastymca.org or (727) 787-9622.

WAYS TO PARTNER

Did you know there are many ways you can give to your local Y? How about gifting stock, matching gifts through your employer and more. For more information visit ymcasuncoast.org/give-better-us or contact Delonyx Cortez at dcortez@suncoastymca.org or (727) 787-9622.

TAKE A TOUR TODAY!

Please contact Delonyx Cortez at dcortez@suncoastymca.org or call (727) 787-9622 if you would like a personal tour of the Greater Palm Harbor YMCA!

Our mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Positive Impact One Family at a Time

YMCAs are charitable organizations here to serve people of all ages, backgrounds, abilities and income. The YMCA is a community-based and believes that its programs and services should be available to everyone. Charitable contributions made by members and donors allows the YMCA to provide financial assistance through our People Helping People (PHP) program, so that no one is turned away from the Y.

One of the recipients Leslie shared this story with us:

"Over the past several years we have been fortunate enough to enjoy the services provided at the YMCA because of the past assistance provided. I have been able to continue to work fulltime knowing that my children are in a safe and supervised place during non-school days. The opportunity provides them with activities while encouraging them to grow in a positive way.

Bringing up children in a single parent household with no dad in their lives brings a daily struggle. With the past assistance I have received, I have been able to send them to the YMCA during the summer and during school breaks where they have met great counselors who are supportive and fill a void in my children's lives.

The values the YMCA instills in my children provide a daily positive impact in our lives."

The "People Helping People" program is a pillar for our local community, and generous giving from our donors has made it possible increase the assistance amount by 23% this year so far, compared to 2018.

Advisory Council Highlight

Justin Kelly Branch Advisory Chair



Justin Kelly is not only known for serving as the current Chair of the Greater Palm Harbor YMCA Advisory Council, but he is well-recognized for furthering the Y's mission over the last several years.

He is a graduate of 'Leadership Pinellas', was awarded the 'Volunteer of the Year' in 2018 and served as the Annual Campaign Chair from 2016-2018, successfully leading fundraising campaigns to multiply the impact of the Y's financial assistance program.

Along with a group of key community leaders, he tirelessly led and devoted his time to alleviate and strengthen Palm Harbor and its surrounding communities.

We are grateful for his service, and the impact he has made in our community through his continued support to the YMCA and other community organizations.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

When: Saturday, December 7th
Time: 10-11:30 AM & 11:30-1:00 PM

Fee: A grocery bag full of non-perishable food and good per family
Location: Greater Palm Harbor YMCA
1600 16th Street

Join in the holiday fun! Breakfast, games, crafts and visits from special guests Elsa & Santa. This event is open to the community and FREE with a donation of a grocery bag full of non-perishable food and goods per family. Donations will benefit our local food pantry FEAST and items can be dropped off at the Y at time of registration.

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MAKE A LASTING IMPACT

Your support of the YMCA of the Suncoast will help our community learn, grow and thrive for generations to come. For more information on planned giving, please contact Ben Prewitt, Philanthropy Advisor at bprewitt@suncoastymca.org or (727) 467-9622.