



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT

SOUTH CAROLINA
ALLIANCE OF YMCAS



Bringing South Carolina Communities Together

WE'RE MORE THAN YOU KNOW. WE'RE A CAUSE.

MEET DJ

In July 2012, DJ Rish was involved in a near fatal van accident in the Upstate. He suffered second and third degree burns on over 60% of his body, a vertebral and right hip fracture, and an amputated left leg. DJ was discharged from the hospital a month ahead of schedule with a positive attitude and ample support from family and friends.

Setting Goals At the Y

DJ returned home and immediately went to work relearning how to walk and exercising at the Y in Columbia. He was fitted for his first prosthesis in September 2012, and has since learned to swim, bike and run using different prosthetic legs.

After completing the 2013 Tom Hoskins Memorial Sprint Triathlon, DJ and his family have been able to continue to meet their own wellness goals through the generous support of Y donors.



WHO WE ARE

COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

The Y is the nation's leading nonprofit committed to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The Y has been a vibrant part of South Carolina communities for nearly 160 years.

A NETWORK OF GOOD

The South Carolina Alliance of YMCAs is comprised of 21 YMCA Associations and 50 branches. South Carolina Ys are each a powerful advocate for the needs of the children, families and individuals in communities throughout the state.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

As charities, Ys across South Carolina exist to strengthen their communities and every day we work with thousands of men, women and children to ensure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.



GROWING OUR CAUSE

226,000

South Carolina Ys serve over 226,000 of our neighbors and their needs each year with youth, wellness, and social programs, empowering people of all ages to lead healthier lives.

5 Million

In total charitable contributions including direct outreach support and program/membership scholarships.

IMPACT AT-A-GLANCE

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

Today, more than 1 out of every 20 South Carolina residents is involved in the Y. South Carolina Ys, each a 501(c)(3) charity, serve all segments of their communities by providing youth development opportunities, promoting healthy living and building social responsibility through volunteerism.

Working together, we create communities with a shared vision in which everyone plays a part in building a stronger tomorrow.

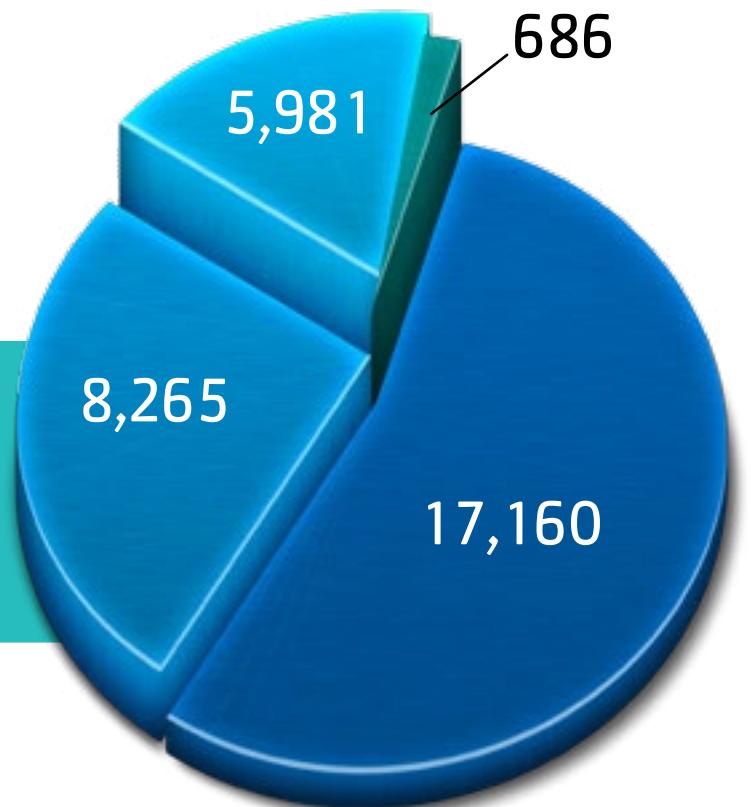


SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH

Every day thousands of kids visit a South Carolina Y where they learn new skills, make new friends, and are cared for in a safe environment.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- 686 Children Enrolled in Preschool Programs
- 5,981 Children Enrolled in After School
- 8,265 Children Enrolled in Summer Camp
- 17,160 Children Enrolled in Swim Lessons



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

We believe all kids deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve. Through Y programs, children across South Carolina are taking an interest in learning; making smarter life choices and cultivating the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

The Y is the largest provider of childcare, offering families affordable, high quality care for preschool and after school children. Scholarships, subsidies and outreach provide critical assistance to low income families.

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

YMCA of Beaufort County Increases Reading Growth of Children

The YMCA of Beaufort County implemented the Y-USA Summer Learning Signature Pilot Program for children entering first and second grade who are most at risk of falling behind in their reading skills over the summer.

Results from the program indicated that students attending gained 5.5 months in reading growth from pre to post test assessment.

Additional program highlights indicated 100% of families strongly felt their child increased writing skills, became more excited to learn, improved self-confidence, became more physically active, made new friends, and improved character.



**5.5 Months
Reading Growth**

HEALTHY LIVING

We are committed to helping people reach their full potential by promoting healthier lifestyles. With a mission centered on balance, we bring families closer together, encourage good health and foster connections through fitness, sports, fun and shared interests through our easily accessible programs. Approximately 220,000 South Carolinians are active and engaged members and over 89,000 participate in Y programs.

COMMUNITY ADVOCATES

Family YMCA of Greater Laurens Reaches Into Community For Improvements

The Family YMCA of Greater Laurens is working with community partners to make Laurens County a healthier place to live, work and play. Step Up, Laurens County is increasing opportunities for their neighbors to be healthier through strategies that support healthy living.

Successes include a community garden, walking trails, complete streets resolution, healthier food and physical activity standards in the school district, Safe Routes To School and actively working to establish a multi-use trail system in the county.



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

We believe in giving back and providing support to our neighbors. Ys in South Carolina have consistently developed skills and emotional well being through education and training, creating local jobs, encouraging volunteerism, pursuing diversity and building healthier communities through collaborations. Nearly 12,000 South Carolinians volunteer their time at local Ys.

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Anderson Area YMCA Actively Reaches Out to Community

The Ambassadors of the Anderson Area YMCA are involved in ongoing discussion of the community's needs and how the Y is addressing those needs. The Ambassador program has allowed the Y to take the message and mission of the Y out into the Anderson community.

Ambassador participants have been encouraged to identify ways the Y can meet community needs or work collaboratively with other organizations. Since the program started in 2006, new collaborations have formed between Safe Harbor, Christian Businessmen Organization and Special Olympics.

OUR TEAM



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Anderson Area YMCA

Greenwood YMCA

Aiken / North Augusta YMCA

Family YMCA of Greater Laurens

Beaufort County YMCA

Newberry County Family YMCA

YMCA of Greater Charleston

Pickens County YMCA

Cherokee County Family YMCA

YMCA of Greater Spartanburg

Clinton Family YMCA

Summerville Family YMCA

YMCA of Columbia

YMCA of Sumter

YMCA of Coastal Carolina

Upper Palmetto YMCA

Florence Family YMCA

YMCA of the Upper Pee Dee

Foothills Area Family YMCA

Union County YMCA

YMCA of Greenville

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