

Belonging starts here.

Hi! My name is Dennis Morrison, I Manage our YMCA Child Care and School Age Programs throughout Grey Bruce, serving over a thousand children each month. Last year I celebrated working with the Y for 25 years! People of all ages come through our doors, dealing with a variety of situations. Change starts here when people get the support and financial assistance they need. That change could be for someone like Rachel and Jim; I'd like to share their story with you:

Anna and Bobbie were eight and ten years old when they began living full time with their grandparents, Rachel and Jim. Rachel and Jim both had steady jobs, but they knew that with full custody of the kids, the additional expenses would be a burden.

Rachel visited the staff at YMCA Child Care and was able to get Before and After School care set up for the kids. The staff also told Rachel about financial assistance that was available to the family to help them on this journey. Rachel explained, "We were so delighted because on top of everything else we thought we would have to cancel our memberships at the YMCA Health, Fitness & Aquatics Centre, but when we visited the next day the staff were able to set up assistance so that not only could we afford to keep our memberships, but we could open memberships for the kids too".

"It's so wonderful, the kids have a place to go after school, before we finish work and they are able to participate in some of the great programs for kids at the Y. And... we can afford all of this! It started with one conversation at the Y," said Jim.

A Healthier Tomorrow Starts Here.

I believe belonging starts here. Everyone should feel a sense of belonging and receive the support they need. I donate to the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign to ensure people like Rachel and Jim are able to support children, like Anna and Bobbie, giving them the opportunity to discover and grow in a safe environment.

We invite you to make a donation to the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign. Donations over \$25 will receive an income tax receipt and may be made online, or at the Welcome Desk as a one time donation or as monthly preauthorized donations.

Please join our caring and supportive network of YMCA volunteers, donors and staff that our community relies on. Your kindness and generosity will spark a story of its own.

With my sincere thanks,

Dennis

PS: Thank you to all those who have donated in the past and continue to donate today. Your generosity has made an important impact in someone's life.

