

# Discovery starts here.

Hi! My name is Gwynne Potter, I've been a member of the YMCA Board of Directors since 2013 and have been a Y member for 9 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. The change could be for someone like Carol; I'd like to share Carol's story with you:

As a single mother of three girls, it's been difficult for Carol financially. She couldn't afford to enroll them in extracurricular activities. Although they are always very understanding, she still feels like she's disappointing her children.

"When my husband and I separated, Keja, my oldest daughter, was the most affected. I saw the change immediately. Her smile faded her confidence dropped and her self-esteem was the lowest I have ever seen." Then Carol heard about YMCA Financial Assistance and Keja started to attend youth programs.

"All of these programs have made such a positive difference for our family. Keja's confidence has blossomed and my younger daughters have noticed the changes." Now the whole family participates in YMCA Programs too. "As a single mom, I feel like I'm able to provide some great Opportunities for my girls to grow and feel good about themselves – and that's thank to the Y."

## *A Healthier Tomorrow Starts Here.*

I believe discovery starts here. Everyone should have access to discovery. I donate to YMCA the Strong Kids Campaign to ensure all children, like Keya and her sisters, have the opportunity to discover and reach their full potential in spirit, mind and body

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,

*Gwynne*

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.

