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Addison's Resilience

Addison unexpectedly lost her dad – the light of her world – in March 2021. Five-year-old Addie's mind was already full of things that most children think about, like learning to write their name and playing with friends. However, due to her loss, Addie was also dealing with an ADHD and anxiety diagnosis and additional behavior challenges.

Addie's mom, Megan, wasn't sure what to do. With the loss of her husband, transition to a new city, and change of employment she wanted to get Addie on a path of support and consistency. Megan called the YMCA looking for child care and was very transparent about Addie's current challenges. When the YMCA assured her that they would do everything in their power to help regulate her emotions and support her, Megan was relieved. Additionally, the YMCA offered her a scholarship to make payments more manageable.

FIRST DAY DF SCIDU Megan initially planned for Addie to start kindergarten in the fall of 2021, but instead enrolled her in preschool at the YMCA's Calvary Early Learning Center.

As Megan had hoped, Addie thrived at the YMCA. Her teacher, Ms. Amanda, and the other staff showed her kindness, compassion, grace – and most of all, love. They helped Addie find ways to positively express her emotions. On days when she was overcome with grief they listened to her talk about her dad and gave her extra quiet time to process her feelings.

In the fall of 2022, Megan reached out to the West Fargo Public School District to see if it would be possible for Addie to jump directly into first grade. The school district set her up with a test and when the results came back, Megan was blown away. Addie excelled in all of the categories and proved she was ready for first grade. Megan had tears in her eyes, she was so proud of Addie. "I truly believe Addie's growth was largely impacted by the staff at the YMCA," Megan said. "They are such caring and loving people. I couldn't be more thankful for what they've done for my daughter."



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OUR CAUSE

Every day, the YMCA of Cass and Clay Counties strengthens our community for kids, adults, seniors, and families. We do this through facilities and programs that teach, connect, heal, nourish, and encourage. We are dedicated to enhancing the spirit, mind, and body of all by focusing on three key areas: youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

Youth Development

At the YMCA, we're committed to ensuring every child has an opportunity to pursue their best future through programs that inspire them to reach their full potential socially, academically, emotionally, and physically.



Through the generosity of our donors, 32% of our child care participants, on average, receive scholarship dollars annually to learn and grow.

Healthy Living

The YMCA knows that by identifying and removing barriers, we can offer spaces, facilities, and programs that are open and accessible in order to create opportunities for healthy living.



Through the generosity of our donors, we are able to offer crucial community programs like Active Older Adults and LIVE**STRONG**[®] at the YMCA, our cancer survivorship program.

Social Responsibility

The YMCA responds to society's most pressing needs by developing innovative, community-based solutions like meal offerings and our Christmas Giving Tree program to lend a hand to neighbors in need.



Last year throughout the school year and summer, the YMCA fed 1,800+ children per week in Cass and Clay Counties.

Caring for the physical, social, and emotional health of our families remains a top priority. We provide safe spaces for individuals to belong and to receive support in the areas of self-confidence, social awareness, and relationship-building. We come alongside children and adults in our community to help them develop healthy habits that will last a lifetime. **Your generosity allows the Y to continue to provide opportunities for everyone to learn, grow, and thrive.**



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