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**CAMPING
WITH THE Y.**
**A CAUSE YOU
CAN BELIEVE IN.**

Friends of YMCA of the Sandhills call it their second home. We call them our family. The thousands of people who join us here and support our cause are our greatest resource when it comes to providing experiences for youth development and skills for healthy living, which promote social responsibility for all.

What if we could harness that power to make an even greater difference on a bigger scale?

YMCA Day Camp has an invaluable impact on families by offering child care services that are accessible to all. Campers of financial need are included in the day camp experience to promote character development, teamwork and fun.

Our communities face new challenges that create a greater need for the work we do. Fortunately, where some see obstacles, we see opportunities for our participants, volunteers, staff, and generous donors like you. After all, camping with the Y is a cause you can believe in.

Every person can benefit from camp.
Every gift makes a difference.
Everyone has a role to play.

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TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE.

Trading stories and sharing a favorite book or song with a new friend. Being greeted with smiles and high-fives from staff and team-mates after scoring the winning point. Always fitting in, just for being you. This is what the Y's summer camp is all about—ensuring kids get more out of their summer break: more friendships, more accomplishments and more belonging.

The YMCA of the Sandhills in Fayetteville, NC is excited to offer a new program for single mothers who have school-aged children and are working to develop their education and job skills. Starting the summer of 2015, YMCA's will be awarding free day camp to eligible families. The purpose of this program is to bridge the challenges of raising a family and continuing higher education. Participation in the Bridge Program will ensure enrolled children are in a safe and nurturing environment. The Bridge Program is new to Fayetteville and Hope Mills communities and the Y hopes the program will create a positive impact for generations to come.

To qualify, the family must live independently and have a household income of less than \$25,000 annually. Mother's enrolled in the Bridge Program will also be asked to provide verification of full-time student status with Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville Tech Community College, Miller Monte College or Methodist University. Applications will be accepted beginning late March and space is limited.

For parents and caregivers who meet the criteria for the Bridge program and enjoy seeing their child's face glow when retelling a camp story, and want to see their child accomplish new life skills, the Y encourages you to apply for assistance.

Working with SEER Analytics, independent impact measurement experts, to find out how camp benefits kids, the Y recently surveyed nearly 40,000 parents and caregivers with kids enrolled in camp programs. Ninety-one percent of parents/caregivers said they agreed the Y's day camp program helped kids make new friends. In addition, 81 percent said they agreed the program helped their kids discover what they can achieve, while 86 percent agreed their child felt a sense of belonging at their Y camp.

Bridge Kids will experience YMCA day camp for the summer season at no cost to their parent. The YMCA is a leader across the nation in youth development programs that work to instill values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Campers enjoy weekly themes, crafts, outdoor games, skill development, swimming and more! When kids are out of school, they can face hurdles that prevent them from reaching their full potential, related to hunger, water safety, academics, safe spaces to play, and health. Through summer camp and other youth development programs, nationwide the Y helps over 9 million youth to "hop the gap" and achieve more, providing a safe to place to learn, stay healthy and build friendships.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

All kids deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve, under the guidance of adults who care about them and believe in their potential. We see every interaction with young people as an opportunity for learning and development.

HEALTHY LIVING

Health and well-being are all about balance. That's why we help people and families build and maintain healthy habits for spirit, mind, and body in their everyday lives. By helping kids, adults, families, and seniors from all backgrounds improve their health and well-being, we build a stronger community.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

With our camp open to all, we work every day to connect people from all backgrounds and support those who need us most. We take on the most urgent needs in our communities and inspire a spirit of service in return. Our participants, volunteers, donors, and staff demonstrate the power of what we can achieve by giving back together.

GIVE TODAY

Together, we have an extraordinary opportunity to strengthen the bonds of families, educate our children, and provide experiences for youth development and skills for healthy living, which promote social responsibility for all.

When you give to the Bridge Program, you help families create lifelong memories, you teach children to be stewards of the earth, and you give people of all ages and backgrounds values and skills that will strengthen their characters. You create a better future for everyone.

Together, we can provide children with skills and values that promote youth development. We can give individuals the chance to experience new activities that foster healthy living. We can do all of this as our social responsibility to create a better future for everyone.

Our cause is one of values and mission. You have the power to make these changes for our communities. With your generous support, we can have an impact on hundreds of individuals. GIVE. AND DO SO MUCH MORE.

\$ 100 sponsors one Bridge Camper for one week of summer time care.

\$ 500 sponsors one Bridge Camper for one month of summer time care.

\$ 1,000 sponsors one Bridge Camper for a full summer of care.

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