



# MISSION IN MOTION

YMCA of GREATER FLINT  
2017 IMPACT REPORT

# MOVING OUR MISSION FORWARD

Dear Friends,

In 1879, a group of visionary leaders started YMCA programs in the Flint area. Since that time, passionate volunteers have challenged us to serve our community and to expand service to meet the ever-changing needs of the area we serve. We are able to meet that challenge through the relationships we've built between staff, volunteers, members, community partners, participants, donors and people like you. YMCA programs grow through relationships with our supporters. As we reflect on the successes of 2017, we are encouraged by the impact we've made working together, with you. It's a forward motion that will carry us through 2018 and the years to come.



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# TEACHING SKILLS THAT SAVE LIVES



**D**rowning is the second leading cause of accidental death in the state of Michigan and the YMCA of Greater Flint is working to reduce this danger in our community. Last year, the 4th Grade Swim program helped over 350 Flint area fourth graders learn crucial water safety skills. A majority of those students had never swam in a body of water before those safety lessons.

The skills learned within six weeks included basic floating to specific stroke techniques. Students also learned skills for rescue situations in and around open water areas. In order to ensure that every child had the opportunity to participate, The YMCA of Greater Flint provided swimsuits and towels for students who did not bring them to the program. The Pierson Road YMCA staff look forward each year to this excellent program and are excited to meet a new group of 4th graders in 2018!



359

YOUTH LEARNED WATER SAFETY  
IN 2016-2017



42%

OF STUDENTS INCREASED ABILITY  
TO SWIM ON STOMACH

## A KUZMA CHRISTMAS

**K**yle Kuzma grew up coming to the Downtown Y to play basketball like so many other kids from Flint. The Y wasn't just a gym for Kyle, it was a place that impacted him on many levels. It was a constant in his ever-changing world. It was a happy and secure place that revolved around friends and his love of basketball. Kyle played for several local high schools and the University of Utah before he was drafted last year as a first round pick for the L.A. Lakers and had a record-breaking season as a Rookie.

Kyle had a strong desire to give back to the Y immediately. This past Christmas, he sponsored a Christmas party for the children in the Safe Places program at the Downtown Y. Kyle wasn't able to attend but his family came on his behalf and the kids were able to speak to him through Facetime. This was hands down the highlight of the party. Kyle and Priority Sports also made a large equipment donation to the Y.

Kyle's desire to impact others is a true testament to his character. He is an example to all that the Y is not just a gym, but a home for youth that transforms and teaches skills that last a lifetime.





# SAFE PLACES

**P**ower Scholars Academy is a six-week summer program designed to not only tackle summer learning loss in math, science and reading, but to also foster physical and social-emotional growth. Ten-year-old Courtni attended the first Power Scholars Academy in Summer 2017 and both Courtni and her parents noticed an immediate change.

"As full-time working parents, we were truly excited about the opportunity to have Courtni in Power Scholars. We felt that other programming offered in the city did not meet our expectations for the atmosphere and environment we sought after to keep Courtni engaged over the summer. The staff was exceptional, caring and always present. The academic component of Power Scholars was most impressive to us. We applied for enrollment in the program because we were concerned about Courtni's academic progress over the summer. We appreciated the emphasis placed on science, reading and math."



**2**   
**months**  
 OF READING IMPROVEMENT

**3**  $\times \div =$   
**months**  
 OF MATH IMPROVEMENT

**7**   
 SAFE PLACES SITES

  
**1,846**  
 STUDENTS ENROLLED

  
**24,178**  
 TOTAL VISITS

  
**31,316**  
 MEALS SERVED

  
**23,416**  
 SNACKS SERVED

# A WHOLE NEW WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH DAY CAMP

**H**oliday Hills Day Camp at Camp Copneconic is a summertime treat offering kids a safe space to make friends, learn, grow, and have fun. Although day camp runs at the same time as most day care facilities, we pride ourselves on being so much more than just a child-care facility. During a day at camp, a whole new world of opportunities opens up for campers. From zip lines, water toys and field games, to character development activities, STEM challenges and arts and crafts, the personal impact of camp can be felt after just a few short days at Holiday Hills. Kids gain confidence and learn the value of encouragement after their experience on the climbing tower. Campers show an understanding of empathy and improved communication after completing the challenge course. After only a few days of free swim, they begin to feel more comfortable around water and develop a deeper connection to nature. On top of it all, upon leaving Camp Copneconic, they leave with friendships that last a lifetime.



**6,000**  
minutes  
OF FREE SWIM



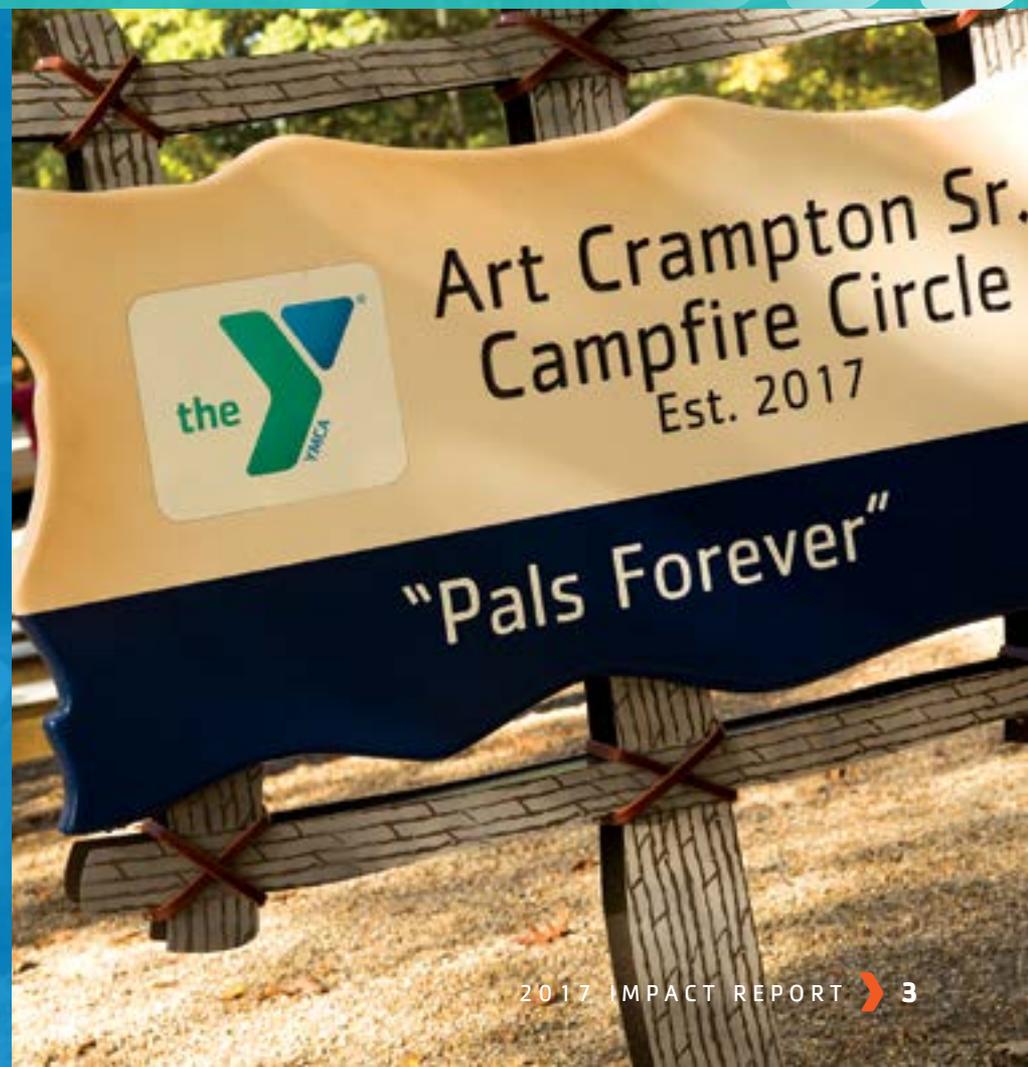
**2,412**  
HORSEBACK RIDES



**3,500**  
HOT DOGS CONSUMED AT  
FRIDAY COOK-OUT

## PALS FOREVER: ART CRAMPTON SR. FIRE CIRCLE

**A**rt Crampton Sr. came to the Flint YMCA in 1935 and started work as the Assistant Boys Work Secretary and the Camp Director until 1941. In 1941 Art Sr. became the General Director of the Flint YMCA. During those years Art Sr. and his son, Art Jr. were part of the Indian Guide program – which Art Sr. brought to the Flint YMCA following a conference he attended and learned about the program. The pair, along with many others were a part of a tribe which stayed together all the way through high school graduation. When you joined the Indian Guides program, you and your dad stood across from each other for the induction ceremony and at the end you shook hands and said, “Pals Forever”. In honor of his many accomplishments, YMCA Camp Copneconic was proud to dedicate the fire circle in honor of Art Crampton Sr. on September 27, 2017.



# A SECOND HOME FOR SYDNEY



Camp is a place for everyone. For some, camp serves as a place to reconnect with nature. For others, camp is a place where you feel liberated to truly be yourself. And for many, camp is a place where you establish lifelong friendships with people from a variety of different backgrounds and backdrops. For Sydney Jacques, camp has always been a second home for not only herself, but for her younger siblings as well.

Sydney is Copneconic homegrown. She started off as a camper, experienced two years in the CIT program, was a counselor for two summers, served as the Overnight Camp Waterfront Director, and most recently was camp's Pioneers Program Director; a position Sydney once admired as a young girl.



**20CITs**

WHO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO BECOME STAFF  
MEMBERS



**1,154**

OVERNIGHT  
CAMPERS



**390**

KIDS RECEIVED  
CAMPERSHIPS

“Camp truly cultivates a community unlike any other; **it gives us friendships that stand the test of time and distance and the memories made are wholesome and real.** We, the Jacques family, will always be grateful to camp for being the place that we can all go to, no matter what age we are, and call it home.”



## CAMP VS. CANCER

Camp Copneconic hosts over a dozen partner camps, one of them being Camp Kesem. At Camp Kesem, the goal is to provide support to children who are affected by a parent's cancer diagnosis by giving them a week to go to camp and just be kids again. Copneconic has had the honor of hosting the University of Michigan Kesem chapter since 2007, and as of 2017, the largest Kesem chapter in the nation, having served 234 campers just last year. One camper that has attended during that time is Emma VanBoven. Emma first attended six years ago, at first very resistant to the experience and by the end, didn't want to leave. "The magic that Kesem offers is like nothing else, it can be as simple as seeing one of the shyer campers open up at a cabin chat, dancing the flashmob at every meal, making friendship bracelets, or watching all the campers run around trying to douse the counselors in lake water," says Emma. "During my years at Camp Kesem at University of Michigan, I have been able to create a second family of people who understand what I have been through and can provide support through the hard times and help celebrate the good." Emma is now attending Grand Valley State University and has founded her own Camp Kesem chapter there. As the co-director, she hopes to bring the same experience to campers that she received in her youth.



234

YOUTH ATTEND  
CAMP KESEM IN 2017



LARGEST KESEM  
CHAPTER IN THE  
NATION



# FLINT FALCONS: CREATING A RIPPLE EFFECT

**2017** was a great year for the Falcons YMCA Swim Team. This past September the Falcons took on a new role in the Fenton community. They now use the Fenton High School pool for numerous practices and it has had a major impact on the team with the number of swimmers swelling from 157 swimmers last year to 223 current swimmers!

Falcons participated in their 2nd annual CAMP S.O.A.R. at Camp Copneconic. Thirty-one participated in the camp. Coach Adam Cooper loved his time at camp saying, "Sometimes we get so caught up with our meets and competition we forget to sit back and truly enjoy what we do. Camp S.O.A.R. gave our athletes the opportunity to enjoy the great activities at camp. Throughout the week I was able to watch new relationships form. At the end of the week we had the kids do a triathlon. They had so much fun doing it. They were all so encouraging to one another. The Falcons and camp staff worked together to have a major impact on the kids."



**14**   
NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

**10**   
FALCONS ENTER INTO  
COLLEGE SWIMMING

**The Falcons and camp staff worked together to have a major impact on the kids.**

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

# A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

Since 1879, the YMCA of Greater Flint has been a pillar of the community with outstanding staff and volunteer leadership, a strong national organization, and substantial resources. These strengths have resulted in positioning our YMCA to serve and meet community needs for generations to come.

It's been an honor and privilege to serve the YMCA of Greater Flint for the past 10+ years in many capacities, including operating board president from 2012–2014 and, beginning in 2017, president of the YMCA of Greater Flint Foundation.

Since its inception in 1996, the YMCA of Greater Flint Foundation has provided \$11,054,000 dollars of support in programming, projects and infrastructure. This has helped further the YMCA of Greater Flint's mission of putting Christian principles into practice through programs which build healthy spirit, mind and body.

While this is a remarkable track record, our work is far from finished. The needs of the community have never been greater and it's the goal of the YMCA of Greater Flint to keep pace with these needs. For the YMCA of Greater Flint Foundation to maintain a commensurate level of support, foundation asset growth is essential. The recipe for growth comes from great stewardship, prudent investment management and gifts, donations and estate bequests from "friends of the Y" like yourself.

While the foundation board is committed to unwavering stewardship and prudent investment management, we hope that you'll please consider including the YMCA of Greater Flint in your charitable contributions, as well as your estate and philanthropic planning.

Sincerely,



**JEFF SNIDER**

President, YMCA of Greater Flint Foundation

## PROJECTS IN 2017

These are the projects funded by the YMCA of Greater Foundation for 2017:

Partners With Youth Donation - **\$100,000**

Ropes Course Improvements - **\$10,000**

Purchase of Camp Aqua Equipment - **\$30,000**

Renovate Camp Fire Circle - **\$67,000**

Security Evaluation - **\$50,000**

Remodel Frontier Village - **\$30,000**

4th Grade Swim Program - **\$25,000**

Energy Reduction Program - **\$18,000**

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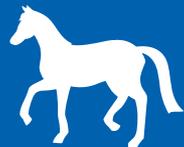
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