



2025 Annual Report



The David & Thu Brulé
YMCA of Marquette County
1420 Pine Street
ymcamqt.org

Promoting Healthy Living, Youth Development, and Social Responsibility



IMPACT STATEMENT

The YMCA meets community needs through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

Using authentic community connections, we help individuals reach their full potential.

BUILDING OUR FUTURE



We spent much of this year building our multi-purpose Field House. Construction broke ground in the spring, and we proudly hosted our Open House on October 14, 2025. By the end of the month, programs were already underway in the new space.

This long-awaited project would not have been possible without the incredible support of our community, generous donors, and dedicated YMCA staff and Board of Directors. A project years in the making, the Field House coming to life marks a remarkable milestone for the YMCA of Marquette County.

With the addition of the Field House, we're expanding both the quality and variety of our programs, creating more opportunities for youth across our community and surrounding areas while continuing to grow our adult programming. Alongside this major project, several important facility improvements were completed this year. These included a new roof in Marquette, repairs to the women's locker room floor and drains, converting the marquee to LED lighting, improving exterior lighting, and refreshing landscaping around the facility.

At our West End location, key upgrades included a full roof replacement, new lighting fixtures, and a new chemical dispenser to ensure safer and more reliable cleaning operations.



OUR MEMBERS

Our Pillars:

**Healthy
Living**

**Youth
Development**

**Social
Responsibility**

Our Mission:

**To put
Christian
principles into
practice
through
programs
that create a
healthy spirit,
mind, and body
for all.**

**"My sister and I love our Y and look forward to staying healthy and fit as we grow older! What a fantastic facility in Marquette!"
- Sarah**

**"Our children have grown so so much being able to utilize the Y. Our youngest has made great strides developing her strength in the pool and kids gym, I thank you so much for providing us the opportunity to visit the Y!"
- Y Family**

**Scholarship Memberships
positive changes attributed to the Y:**

"Enjoyment of being around people to exercise and talk at the pool and within the Y makes me happy. Just seeing so many people enjoying the gym and pool. Keeps me moving around and alert."

"It gets me out of my apartment, gives me a place to exercise which helps with my mobility issues, stiff muscles, which helps with balance to prevent falls. The interactions with members and staff helps with my well being!"





Families playing in the Youth Center at Healthy Kids Day.



Fun in the Kids Gym.



Our West End (Negaunee) facility on a gorgeous spring day.

What's happening at the West End?

Our Values:

Honesty

Caring

Respect

Responsibility

Our Culture:

Welcoming

Genuine

Hopeful

Nurturing

Determined



This past year at the West End YMCA has been such a great experience. I began my time here in the spring, and from day one, it was clear that while our West End (Negaunee) location may be more compact, there is absolutely no shortage of quality or community.

Our members truly are the heart of the Y. At the West End, you have the chance to connect with just about everyone. From the morning coffee crew, to the after school youth hangouts, to the evening gym regulars, they all brighten my day with their conversations, shared birthday cake and other treats, and simple smiles at check in. It is a place where people know each other and genuinely care.

The West End is also an important after school hub for youth from Ishpeming and Negaunee. After earning their Youth Fitness Certificates, they are able to practice physical fitness, build social skills, and grow in confidence. They learn to live out our Y values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility. Some kids stay until nearly closing time, and knowing they have a safe place to be, play, learn, and belong, is incredibly fulfilling.

Lastly, I'm so thankful for the wonderful staff who help make the West End YMCA such a special place. They are self directed, kind, and truly a joy to work with.

-Maddie Pederson
Marketing Director and West End Coordinator



OUR Y AT A GLANCE

6,400

Total members

13,589

Average monthly check-ins



2

Facilities

serving Marquette County

1,000+

Youth recieved swim lessons to gain confidence and safety around water.



108

Employees

840+



Volunteer Hours

\$198,000

in Financial Assistance given through our Annual Campaign.

WELLNESS CENTER

In 2025 we offered around 1,260 personal training sessions, 520 buddy sessions, and 450 small group sessions.

Two of the most common reasons participants value these programs are the accountability and the professionally designed programs these services provide.



Zumba class on Halloween.



Our new CSCS Certified Personal Trainer, Mike.



Christmas Body Pump class.



This year, our YMCA welcomed a new Personal Trainer to our Wellness team, further strengthening the support we provide to our members and community. With a strong background in strength and conditioning, coaching, and fitness programming, Mike has brought immediate value to our facility. We look forward to the positive impact he will continue to make and can't wait to see what 2026 has in store for our Wellness Department!

"I was hired in the fall of 2025 and have enjoyed my time at the Y so far. There's a wonderful sense of community and I am excited to help the people of Marquette!"

- Mike Simon,
Certified Personal Trainer



Aqua Aerobics is one of our most popular group exercise classes, with dedicated members showing up week after week. They know there's truly No Place Like This Place!

1,252

**Group Exercise
Land Classes
Offered**



4,500

**Aqua Fitness
Participants**

10

**Pedaling for Parkinson's
Participants**

250

**Aqua Fitness
Classes Offered**



12,951

**Group Exercise
Participants**



AQUATICS

"This past year in aquatics has been exciting, as we've seen the growth and progress of many of our swim lesson participants. Our instructors are dedicated to meeting each swimmer exactly where they are on their journey, and it's incredibly rewarding to witness the smiles on their faces when they achieve their goals. We look forward to continuing to teach and inspire young swimmers to reach new milestones in 2025 and beyond!" -Erica Thomas, Aquatics Director

1,000+

Swim Lesson
Participants



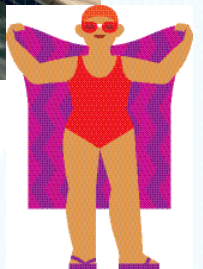
42 out of 52 weeks
Group Lessons
were offered

97

Private Lessons

99

Semi-Private Lesson
Participants



142

Average total of
kids per session

"We were a part of the transitions class and were amazed at how well the teachers prepared the kiddos over the weeks. It was a phenomenal class and very necessary for our kiddo who is often hesitant with new people. Really great adjusting to different skill levels and making the kids feel so proud of their accomplishments!" -Swim Parent



"Just want to say THANK YOU for offering this class! I was nervous after doing 3 rounds of the Parent Tot class and not feeling confident that he would be anywhere near ready to get in the pool without me. The class was exactly what we both needed, and I now feel 100% confident that he's ready for the next stage. The instructors did such a great job of gradually getting the kids acquainted with working directly with them and encouraging them to do the activities the kids weren't so sure about."

-Swim Parent

Update from Erica – This child is now in Stage 1 and doing wonderfully!

"I have been very impressed with the swim lessons at the YMCA. I have tried multiple different programs in other States with my older daughter (Goldfish, Lifetime Fitness, as well as others), and the lessons her at the YMCA have far surpassed those places. The amount of instructors to kids ratio, the lessons on water safety before going in the water and the way the instructors handle the kids is very impressive! You guys do a wonderful job, its so great to see!! "

-Swim Parent



(Above) Lifeguards sharpen their skills during in-service training, practicing a coordinated spinal rescue to keep swimmers safe.

YOUTH PROGRAMS & SERVICES

"The focus on good sportsmanship, cheering on other players, staying positive and encouraging. My son hadn't really been part of a team before, and this was a great first experience."

"The coach does a wonderful job with the kids. Lilly leaves feeling very confident and accomplished after each lesson."

"Coaches seemed genuinely excited and engaged with the kids. The kids got a great workout and had a blast. Lots of action."

-Flag Football parents



Flag Football League in action.



Flag Football League teams and coaches.



Day Camp field trip to Lakenenland.



Our Day Camp program had an exciting and active summer filled with outdoor adventure and hands-on learning.

Campers spent most of their time exploring, playing, and learning in a positive, safe, and energetic environment. With a different field trip planned each week, campers experienced new activities and destinations that kept every week fresh and engaging.

Day Camp continues to be a valuable program for families, offering children meaningful summer experiences while promoting healthy habits, learning, and social development.



53

Sports Programs

498

Sports Participants

9

Different Sports Offered



Day Camp lunch at Presque Isle.

Day campers at Presque Isle.



Day campers group photo at Lakemeland.



50

kids per day
in Day Camp

10

Different youth
and family
programs

74

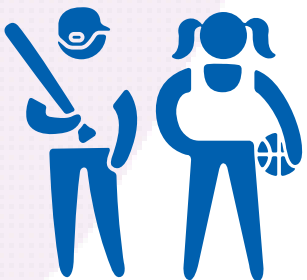
Parent's Night
Out Participants

2,314

Tot Watch Check-in's

149

Families used Tot Watch



80

Snow Day
Participants

19

4-H Babysitting Class
Participants

"As a parent, Tot Watch has been such a blessing for our family. Knowing my child is in a safe, caring, and fun environment allows me to focus on my own health while still feeling completely at ease. My child looks forward to coming to the YMCA and has made new friendships. Tot Watch has made it possible for me to prioritize my wellness while knowing my child is happy and supported. We are so grateful for this program and the impact it has had on our family."

-Tot Watch parent

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



Meet Mendy Cattoor, our Child Development Director at the David and Thu Brulé YMCA of Marquette County. Mendy received her education at BYU-Idaho and has spent her life caring for and supporting children and families through orphanage work in South America, schools, childcare, youth ministry, community and sports programs. A mother of six, she brings hands-on experience as an in-home daycare provider, long term substitute teacher in early elementary and special education classrooms, and co-owner of a Kona Ice franchise where she managed staff and worked alongside schools and local organizations at community events and fundraisers. She joined the Marquette YMCA in fall 2024 and now serves as the Child Development Center Director. Mendy loves being part of a place where families feel welcomed and supported, and she truly believes that helping children grow into confident, healthy individuals "takes a village" — a community of caring people working together through the Y mission.



Mendy Cattoor
Child Development Center Director



In Loving Memory of Leslie Rose

This past year the children honored our Child Development Center Director of 8 years, Mrs. Leslie Rose, by making a picture in her memory of her favorite color with their names on it. We continue to be grateful for all that Leslie Rose did for our program, for the many hours she dedicated to the YMCA Child Development Center. She will forever be in our hearts.



21 + 18 + 22 = 51

Children in our Pre-K program

Children in our preschool

Children in our Infant/Toddler room

Total Children in our Child Development Center



Tent time, water play, and nature walk exploring in summertime!

Christmas party with families invited!



Thanksgiving fun for our Infant/Toddler room, with their teachers in the Youth Center!



Officer Tom came to talk to our Pre-k and preschool classes, and taught us about the job of a policeman.



This fall we combined forces with MA-RESA and joined the Great Start Readiness Program During Fire Awareness Month we took our Pre-k and preschool classes on a field trip with parents invited. We went to one of the fire stations in Marquette. The children learned about the equipment firemen wear during a fire, and learned that they don't need to be afraid of a fireman if they ever encounter one in full uniform. They learned that keeping people safe and out of harm's way is the firefighter's job.



Our Halloween parade was a hit! We were excited to have parents and grandparents join us!



SPECIAL EVENTS



Healthy Kids Day was a tremendous success, made possible by the incredible support of our community partners and dedicated volunteers. Sponsored by Dental Associates, families enjoyed a fun, engaging, and educational event focused on promoting healthy habits and active lifestyles for children of all ages.

With the help of local vendors and organizations, participants explored wellness activities, fitness opportunities, and hands-on learning experiences that encouraged movement, nutrition, and overall well-being. This event continues to be an important way we connect families to the Y and strengthen our commitment to building healthier communities.

Our sincere thanks to the vendors, volunteers, and staff who helped make Healthy Kids Day a memorable and impactful experience for our families.



Our Annual Golf Outing was a tremendous success, and we're so grateful to our volunteers, participants, and sponsors for making it all possible!

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We hosted our Field House Open House in October and it was beyond exciting to finally open the doors and share this incredible new space with our community!

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM



In 2025, we participated in our first year of the Summer Food Service Program through the USDA's Summer Nutrition Program. It was wonderful to join forces with other Y's and organizations around the country to provide this much needed service to our community.

1 in 6 children don't know where their next meal will come from. An estimated 10.5 percent of American households are food insecure - which means over 11 million children are living in food insecure households. When school is out during the summer months, many of the children who receive free/reduced meals at school lose access.
(Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture)

There are 2,500+ summer food program sites at Ys around the country.
(Source YMCA USA)

5,040

Total meals distributed from June 26-August 14

420

Meals available each week

First come, first serve for any child.
Ages 18 and under.
No questions asked.
7 days of breakfast and lunch, including a gallon of milk.



Thank you to all of our SFSP wonderful volunteers! Pictured to the right: Bennett Media Group, pictured above: Marquette History Center, YMCA staff and Abby!





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