

Dear YMCA of DeKalb County, Inc. Member,

At the YMCA of DeKalb County, Inc. we strive to make sure that every child and adult's day brings about bigger and brighter achievements – but we can't do it alone! Your support ensures that many children and families who otherwise would not be able to afford YMCA programs and membership are included. You'll not only give a nearby child and families a chance to belong today, but you'll help that individual learn the important values that will positively impact their life and your community, tomorrow.

In 2009 the YMCA of DeKalb County, Inc. provided \$46,000 worth of financial assistance through scholarships for our programs and memberships at our three YMCA facilities in the DeKalb County. The Y helped over 800 people have an opportunity to swim in our two pools, play basketball in our three gyms, workout in our three fitness centers, be a healthy family in our new family fitness center, have an opportunity to engage in over 70 fitness classes weekly, and be able to have a fun and safe place to be.

The ability to offer scholarships for families in the midst of economic crisis will support each recipient as he or she struggles with the pain of stress of underemployment and unemployment. The encouragement provided by YMCA services and the interaction with staff and other YMCA members from all walks of life are both important elements of membership that will assist the recipient in avoiding the pitfalls of isolation and the contagion of depression. As self-esteem increases and relationships with others are created and reinforced, the ability to seek additional support, future employment and greater life satisfaction further increase, as well. By helping individuals, the scholarships will also help DeKalb County avoid the longer term challenges research has identified as lingering long after the unemployed and underemployed are able to return to the workforce.

Our goal for 2010 is to raise \$75,000 to meet the ever growing needs of the DeKalb County community to provide financial assistance for YMCA programs and YMCA memberships for all who are in need.

Please consider a gift to support this very important cause.

Gifting Ideas:

- Give a youth a chance to go to camp for the summer: \$1,200
- Support a family and give a gift of a family membership - \$400
- Youth membership - \$100
- Teach a child how to swim for a session - \$43
- Or consider an outright gift – Priceless

Thank you for your past support, continued support and future support as the YMCA of DeKalb County, Inc. grows our community for tomorrow.

Karen Sharpnack – CEO of the YMCA

Jeremy Pfister – President of the Board of Directors

Name:

Address:

Business Phone/Cell:

E-Mail Address:

I would like to support the YMCA's membership/programs for children, teens and families. Please accept my gift/pledge of \$ _____ of the YMCA of DeKalb County, Inc. Annual Fundraising Campaign.

Enclosed is my payment in full

Bill me one time _____ (month/date)

Withdrawal twice a month from my check beginning _____ (month/date)

Please do not make my gift public

Signature _____ Date _____

Please cut off the below portion along with your gift and drop it off at any of the YMCA's front desks or mail to Main street YMCA, 310 N. Main Street, Auburn, IN 46706. Thank you.

