



Manitowoc–Two Rivers YMCA

There's no place like this place.

2025 Community Impact

In a world that increasingly sorts people by age, income, ability, and circumstance, the YMCA is one of the few places intentionally designed to bring everyone together. Children, teens, adults, and older neighbors share the same spaces and build relationships that would not exist anywhere else.

There is no place like this place because of how intentionally it brings people together. Older adults exercise alongside preschoolers. Teens develop confidence and leadership in spaces where they are known by name. People in recovery find community through programs like Recovery Volleyball, and neighbors staying in the warming shelter are able to shower with dignity. These experiences do not happen by accident. They happen because of you.

In 2025, showing up for people in these very real, very human ways mattered more than ever.

–Stephanie Peters, Director of Community Engagement

Moments That Mattered in 2025

An older adult returned to group exercise after months of isolation. The class greeted her by name, saved her a spot, and celebrated her return. It was not just about fitness. It was about being missed.

A high school student stood at a podium, nervous but prepared, presenting a bill they had written themselves. By the end, they knew their voice belonged in the room.

After school, children arrived hungry, energetic, and ready to move. They found nourishing meals, caring adults, and space to be kids. Families found relief knowing their children were happy and cared for.

A cancer survivor walked into their first LiveStrong class unsure of what their body could handle. Weeks later, they walked out stronger, supported, and no longer alone.

These moments are easy to miss, but they are where belonging is built.



Connection is not a bonus benefit of the Y. It is the reason we exist.

By the Numbers



Nearly 7,000 members relied on the YMCA as part of their weekly routine for health, connection, and well-being



39,339 group exercise visits meant people showed up daily to move, laugh, and support one another



1725 kids learned swimming and water safety skills



594 youth participated in organized sports programs focused on skill and character development



975 policy and program hours were volunteered by members of our community



42,642 nutritious meals were served to children in our care



Behind every number is a person who found support, structure, and belonging when they needed it most.

How the Y Shows Up

Access, Dignity, and Belonging

The Y is often the first place people turn when life becomes unstable. Whether someone is facing financial hardship, health challenges, or housing insecurity, the Y remains open, welcoming, and responsive.

Through financial assistance, partnerships, and intentional outreach, people are able to access showers, wellness spaces, and programs with dignity. Our neighbors staying at The Haven, Hope House, and The Warming Shelter use the YMCA for basic needs and stability during times of transition.

The Y is here for all.



65 residents of homeless shelters accessed the Y through sponsored memberships. 144 individuals received financial aid.

Specialty Wellness That Builds Community

Healing does not happen in isolation. The YMCA offers specialty wellness programs designed to support people navigating complex life circumstances while building strength, confidence, and connection.

Programs offered in 2025 included:

- LIVESTRONG at the YMCA® for cancer survivors rebuilding strength and trust in their bodies
- Rock Steady Boxing for individuals living with Parkinson's disease
- Recovery Volleyball, creating community and consistency for those in recovery
- Women on Weights and Aqua Ability, offering supportive, structured pathways to strength

These programs are about more than physical health. They are about showing up, being known, and moving forward together

 140 people benefitted from specialty wellness programs in 2025



Growing Confident, Capable Kids and Teens

From swim lessons to summer camp to Youth in Government, the YMCA creates spaces where young people feel safe, supported, and capable.

Children learned to swim and gained confidence in the water. Teens found their voices through leadership and civic engagement. Families found reassurance knowing their children were cared for by people who knew them by name.

The Y remains one of the few places where children, teens, adults, and older neighbors share space and build relationships across generations.

 Families of 328 children had peace of mind knowing their children were safe, engaged, and supported through enriching experiences.



With Gratitude

The impact of the YMCA is made possible by a community that believes this kind of place matters. Donors, volunteers, members, staff, and partners make it possible for the Y to remain open, welcoming, and responsive to the full spectrum of community needs.

Thank you for protecting and strengthening a place where people of all ages and circumstances come together.

Together, we will continue to care for our Y, because there truly is no place like this place.



Thank you to our generous supporters. We couldn't do it without you!

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