At the heart of the Elmhurst YMCA is the power to transform—both yourself and the world around you.

**A CLOSER LOOK**

Being new in town is not an easy thing. Jennifer knows this better than most. Twenty years ago, she was newly divorced and raising her three children as a single parent when she moved to the community of Elmhurst on a blustery winter morning. Without family or a familiar atmosphere, Jennifer felt alone and scared—until, with the help of the YMCA’s scholarship assistance program, Jennifer and her children became members of the Elmhurst YMCA.

Soon their days and nights were filled with classes, afterschool activities, youth sports and summer camp. “The Y staff members and other parents truly cared about us, and welcomed us as if we were family,” Jennifer said. “The Y became a place for us to feel happy, safe and secure.”

Jennifer, now a Y employee herself, wonders what would have happened to her family without the compassion the Y provided. Now Jennifer is in a position to give back and she looks forward to helping provide a new generation of families the same incredible experiences and support she and her family were able to enjoy.

**WE’RE MORE THAN A GYM. WE’RE A CAUSE.**

Every day, Y staff, volunteers, members, friends and community partners work side-by-side to tackle important issues impacting our community. We recognize that for communities to succeed, everyone must be given the chance to learn, grow and thrive. Focusing on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, everything we do at the Y is an exercise in possibility.

Visit [elmhurstymca.org](http://elmhurstymca.org) to learn more.
HELP US GROW STRONGER TOGETHER

You too can change a life by making a gift to the Elmhurst YMCA. Because membership dues and program fees support our daily operations, 100% of your gift will go directly to serving children and families in need. The impact of your gift will be felt when:

• A first grader comes to school ready to learn because he attended an early childhood program.

• A teen makes better choices because she feels welcomed and valued at the Y.

• A woman lowers her health risk factors because of the personal attention she received with her exercise and nutritional goals

Make a Gift. Change a Life.

To learn more call the Elmhurst YMCA at 630.834.9200 or make your gift today at donate.ymcachicago.org.

ABOUT THE YMCA OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

The Elmhurst YMCA is one of 22 membership centers, five camps and hundreds of partnerships and programs across the city and suburbs operated by the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago. Collectively, we serve over half a million people with programs and services that provide opportunities for everyone to exercise their potential and have a greater, positive impact on society.

More at ymcachicago.org.