

Meet Christina.

*"My son has everyday challenges and struggles with everyday tasks that may seem so simple to you or me. However, for him it's a huge struggle. He is diagnosed with ADHD, Disruptive Behavior Disorder, as well as Autism. Without the support and compassion we get from the YMCA and [afterschool] staff for Desmond and my daughter Mya, who is also diagnosed with ADHD, I would not be able or willing to have such a strong work ethic. Let's face it, life is a struggle and without the ability to work, I could not show all five of my children that it's imperative to work hard for what you want and provide for their family. Every new situation in regards to my children has been a fight but the YMCA was able to place my children in a safe and healthy facility. So for everyone that cares and takes care of my children, even if it is a simple "Hi!", it means the world to me and my family." (letter & photo used with permission)*

Desmond and Mya have attended the Greater Carbondale YMCA's preschool, afterschool, and summer day camp. Your support will help neighbors like Christina and her family, who call the Greater Carbondale YMCA home. Your gift makes our community a better place for all.

