

2011 PWY ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DALE TURNER FAMILY YMCA CASE STATEMENT

At the Y, strengthening community is our cause. Each day throughout our service area, our dedicated volunteers and staff are working side by side with neighbors in our communities to ensure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to achieve their potential.

When you donate to your local Y, you join a powerful association of men, women and children united by a shared commitment to nurturing the potential of kids, promoting healthy living and fostering a sense of social responsibility and giving back.

Addressing Critical Local Needs

Families in our area continue to struggle due to the weak economy and other factors:

- More than 14% of families in our community are living below the federal poverty level (\$22,050 annually for a family of four).
- In 2009, more than half of north King and south Snohomish County adults were either overweight or obese, and almost a quarter of young people were overweight or at risk of becoming so.
- About 20% of Shoreline & Edmonds School District students don't graduate high school with their peers.

At the Y, we believe that lasting personal and social change can only come about when we all work together to invest in our kids, our health and our neighbors. With your support and generosity, we can continue to address these and other pressing issues – and expand our work to reach more people.

Why Invest in Your Local Y? Turn Your Gift Into...

Their Potential –An investment in the education and learning of the young is immeasurable and changes the story of that child's life. At the Child Development Center infants through preschoolers are given an opportunity to explore their potential through curiosity and caring teachers. At the Y, we understand the importance of developing a love of learning and social skills sets kids off on a path for success so that they can become caring, capable adults.

Their Health–The Y is working hard to combat the epidemic of youth obesity and other chronic diseases affecting families in our community. By delivering programs like Actively Changing Together and the YMCA Diabetes Prevention Program we are investing in the prevention necessary to have sustainable change. At the Y, we believe that healthy parents are necessary for strong, happy and secure families.

Their Future–At the Y, we recognize that our community is a tapestry of individuals and we are committed to ensuring recent immigrants and language learners find a welcoming environment. With programs like Family Unidos we ensure that Latino families develop the language skills they seek without compromising time as a family.

Give to the Y – Impact Your Community

The Dale Turner Family YMCA is stepping up to meet our community's challenges and strengthen us for the future. We need your support! Consider giving a gift to the Y to change lives – together we can make our community a better place.