## LEARNING AND GROWING THROUGH CHILDCARE

The pandemic has created hardship for many families. With schools out, virtual learning, and COVID quarantining and testing protocols, the ability for parents to work and the economic effect compounded the challenges and stress facing families in our community.

As the largest childcare provider in the Tri-State, the Y provides safe, fun, and affordable childcare options through Before & After School Care, Summer Day Camp, and School Day Out programs. To ensure childcare is accessible to all, the YMCA provides financial assistance to families in need.

This summer our Child Care Services branch served 775 children through Summer Day Camp at 9 different sites.

69 children received some level of financial assistance, and we allocated almost \$23,000 in assistance over the summer to families in need.



Our mission is to ensure that ALL families have access to quality childcare. It's essential for parents to be able to work and provide for their families.

Support from the Annual Campaign allows parents to rest assured that their child(ren) will learn, grow, and thrive in a safe, caring environment at the Y.



I am a single mom working for the IW Union and am currently laid off. I am desperate to have my children play and just be children this summer. They are so caught up on devices and need to play and learn. I really love what I hear about the Y and pray that my kids can attend to make memories.