

Impacting Center City

The role of YMCAs across the globe is to respond to the critical needs of the communities they serve. In the greater Charlotte area, those needs include poverty, illiteracy, poor health and unemployment. You don't have to look far to see the needs near you.

The Dowd and Stratford Richardson YMCA's are impacting Center City through...

Youth

In the summer of 2009, the Dowd and Stratford Richardson YMCA's served 106 children in day camp and 30 children in afterschool. These programs provide youth with safe, enriching and positive programming encouraging children to learn and grow.
\$100 will provide a child with one week of afterschool or day camp.

Active Older Adults

458 seniors participated in programs including aerobics, walking, creative arts, book club, board games, wellness workshops and travel excursions. About 25% of participants have no means of transportation. The transportation provided by the YMCA enables them to maintain socialization.
\$200 will provide cholesterol screening for eight seniors.

Teens

During 2009, over 75 teens participated in programs at the Stratford Richardson YMCA such as photojournalism, teen camp, Club FIT and a Civil Rights Tour. Programs such as these provide teens with better choices keeping them away from negative influences.
\$2500 provides one year of programming for five teens.

The Childress Klein and Gateway Village YMCA's are impacting Center City through...

YMCA Starfish Academy

In the summer of 2009, the Childress Klein YMCAs helped about 335 children raise or maintain their reading levels.
\$1200 provides one child with one summer of YMCA Starfish Academy.

Strengthening Families Program

The YMCA employs six social workers who serve more than 200 families with children in Charlotte's most at-risk neighborhoods. The Strengthening Families Program helps these families find basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter.
\$375 serves one family for a month.

English as a Second Language (ESL)

In 2009, 185 adults learned English at the Childress Klein YMCA and now have a better opportunity to sustain employment and be contributing members of the community.
\$500 provides educational materials for an ESL class.



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