

why the Y

Dear friend of Athens YMCA,

I have a 7-year-old daughter and understand how it is with children - always a fire to put out or someone to take care of. We rely so much on our family, but what about the people in our community who don't have that?

The Athens YMCA *becomes* family for our members, as we get to love on their kids in child watch, giving parents a moment to recharge. One family within the Y family, the Tomols, are a beautiful example of child watch being more than *just* childcare:

"My husband and I started going to the Y in 2018. They won our trust over in child watch and were the only ones we trusted to watch our two little girls.

A year later, my husband and I both started attending nursing school to get our master's degree and used our child watch hours to study! I truly don't know if we would've made it through school otherwise!

Later, we both went back to school! This time, with kids number 3 & 4 in tow as well. We did a little bit of working out, and a whole lot of studying while they played with our kids. Our kids have grown up in this Y, attending child watch, after school sports, and summer camps.

The YMCA is an integral part of our family. It means a lot having somewhere we can trust with our most treasured cargo! We wouldn't be where we are today without the YMCA!"

So Why *this* Y?

Because the Athens YMCA is a family that helps you achieve your dreams!

Gratefully,

Shae Wilson
CEOs