

Pav YMCA

Serving Berwyn, Cicero, Lyons, Stickney, Forest View,
Riverside and North Riverside.

Dear Community Business Leader,

As a member of our business community, you understand the meaningful contribution your very presence makes to your clients and the area you serve. Here at the Pav YMCA, our presence and the impact we make on individuals and communities are large. As a non-profit organization, we also know that the YMCA can't possibly do it alone. The contributed support of businesses such as yours helps us to continue many of the programs Pav YMCA provides as a service to our community. It is for this reason that we are writing to ask for your support as a **Youth Banner Sponsor** of the Pav YMCA.

The YMCA Mission: To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Each year, the Pav YMCA must raise over \$90,000 in order to meet our mission and support the many programs we offer to members of our community who are unable to afford them completely on their own. These subsidies and scholarships are necessary for us to keep the YMCA promise **to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities.**

Above, we asked you to consider becoming a Pav YMCA Youth Banner Sponsor. It is your commitment to making an **annually renewable contribution of \$1,000 or more** that can make this a reality and can help us to enrich so many lives. At the same time, nearly **one-half million Pav YMCA visitors each year** will be exposed to your business name as a sponsor of the many YMCA youth programs that help individuals, families and the community. And because your support is so essential to our continued commitment to the community, we have quarterly and semi-annual payment plans available to make your **tax-deductible**, charitable contribution to the Pav YMCA as easy as possible.

If you find that giving back to the community is something you can and wish to do, **we welcome you to the Pav YMCA as our guest.** During your visit we'll give you a complete facility tour, introduce you to members of our staff and members of our YMCA. During your visit you'll be able to see the Pav YMCA in action and realize the important contribution your business can make to the lives of so many in our community.

On behalf of Pav YMCA, we thank you for your generous attention and hope to see you soon. We will be in touch over the next week to follow up on this sincere invitation to become a Youth Banner Sponsor. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us with any questions, or to set a time to come in and visit us.

Most sincerely,

John Usrial
Executive Director/CEO

Joan A. Polner
Marketing/Financial Development Director



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strong families, strong communities.

Sharing Our Stories

Elvia Medina is a part-time babysitter at the Pav YMCA. Seven years ago, a young mother of four with a newborn, Elvia wanted to get out of the house to work, but not leave her baby with strangers. The YMCA was suggested to her by her child's teacher. Elvia didn't know anything about the YMCA at the time. Working at the YMCA allowed her to bring her baby to work. Her other children have participated in camp and aquatics programs at the Pav YMCA. Her YMCA family supported her return to school for her GED. She's met people that have opened her eyes to the many possibilities and opportunities available to her. She now attends Morton College with the goal of becoming a preschool teacher.

Tiffany Nance has been a Pav YMCA member since she was four years old and is currently a member of our Teen Club. Coming from an abusive family situation, Tiffany and her three siblings were placed in separate foster homes by the DCFS. Grandma Nance, the children's grandmother, fought for years to bring all the kids together under her own roof. After she and the children moved to Cicero, Grandma Nance soon enrolled several of them in Pav YMCA programs —afforded through our Youth and Family Scholarship Program. Starting in day care, Tiffany participated in many Pav programs and now works in our new Kidz Korner. She feels working with the children in Kidz Korner will prepare her for her future career as a teacher. She considers the Pav YMCA her second home.

Phil Sylvester is a 20-year Pav YMCA member and also a member of our Volunteer Club. Phil is a "Founding Father" of the Pav YMCA, being one of our first members to join, at age 66, when we opened our doors in 1986. Yes, he's 86 years old and attributes his excellent health and positive outlook to his involvement in the YMCA. He says, "The YMCA has made me a better, healthier man." As a husband, father of three, grandfather of four, and great grandfather of four, he knows his YMCA spirit contributes to a successful family life. It is the sense of community and friendship he looks forward to when he heads over to the Y five days a week. His YMCA family affectionately calls him "The Energizer Bunny", always on the go. Phil is a true ambassador for the Pav YMCA, volunteering in numerous capacities including facility tours for new members and the annual Christmas Tree Sale and Golf Outing. You can also thank Phil and his fellow Volunteer Club members for the hot coffee always on in the lobby. "If anything needs to be done, I'm happy to do it. I love the YMCA!"



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