



## A LEGACY OF GIVING A FUTURE OF SAFER WATERS

As we step forward into the YMCA's second century of service, we will remain guided by our mission, strengthened by our history, and inspired to continue transforming lives for generations to come.

Your contribution to the Safe Waters, Strong Futures Endowment Fund will become part of a permanent source of support for YMCA aquatic programs. By investing in the Fund today, you will help provide opportunities for generations of swimmers tomorrow.

### Imagine the Impact

- 🏊 A child learns to float.
- 🏊 A young swimmer gains confidence.
- 🏊 A parent learns how to respond in an emergency.
- 🏊 A family discovers the joy of swimming together.
- 🏊 Lifesaving skills are passed from one generation to the next.

Your generosity can help make these moments possible – **today and tomorrow.**

### GIVE THE GIFT OF WATER SAFETY

Pledge your support for the Safe Waters, Strong Futures Endowment Fund today.



## SAFE WATERS. STRONG FUTURES. A LEGACY WORTH MAKING

Your charitable gift will help the Greater Joliet Area YMCA continue to provide life-changing aquatic opportunities for children, adults, and families in our community.

To pledge your support or to learn more about endowment giving at the YMCA, please contact the Greater Joliet Area YMCA Development Office at (815) 729-9638.

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## SAFE WATERS, STRONG FUTURES ENDOWMENT FUND

Creating confident swimmers.  
Building safer communities.  
Changing lives for generations.

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# AMERICA'S MOST TRUSTED SWIM LESSON INSTRUCTOR

As America's most trusted swim lesson provider, the YMCA is a leading community resource for drowning prevention and lifelong water safety. Each year, Y swim programs help more than one million children build essential swimming and water safety skills.

## LESSONS THAT LAST A LIFETIME

At the Y, swim lessons are about more than learning how to swim. They're about building confidence, learning independence, and developing lifelong water safety skills.

The YMCA's Swim Lesson Curriculum uses a skill-based progression designed to help swimmers of all ages and abilities build confidence as they learn. Developed by the YMCA of the USA and extensively tested by Ys across the nation, the curriculum provides clearly defined stages that allow swimmers to progress at their own pace. For swimmers ready to advance, each stage provides a natural path to the next level. For those who need more time and instruction, the curriculum allows them to build skills and confidence before moving forward. **This results in more confident swimmers, stronger water safety skills, and a lifelong appreciation for the water.**



## BUILDING STRONG SWIMMERS

At the Y, we believe that everyone deserves the chance to feel safe, confident, and capable when they are in and around the water. In celebration of the Greater Joliet Area YMCA's Centennial Anniversary, the Safe Waters, Strong Futures Endowment Fund was established in 2026 to ensure that vital swim lessons, drowning prevention programs, and meaningful aquatic experiences will remain accessible for children, adults, and families living in our community.

Your support of the Safe Waters, Strong Futures Endowment Fund will help to create a lasting source of funding for YMCA aquatic programs, helping expand access to:

-  Swim lessons for individuals of all ages
-  Water safety and drowning prevention programs
-  Aquatic experiences that build confidence and well-being
-  Opportunities for families to enjoy and learn in a safe aquatic environment

**Together, we can help more people develop the skills and confidence they need to be safer in the water.**

