



What if your child couldn't join the swim team because money was tight?

Sadly, this is a reality for some families in our community. Fortunately, at the YMCA of Southern Maine, our mission is to serve every child, individual, and family, regardless of their ability to pay. Early Learning Readiness, cancer survivorship, housing, camp, childcare, and more – these programs help our neighbors learn, grow, and thrive, and they're made accessible to ALL community members through the Y's financial assistance program.

Last year we provided more than \$2.1 million in financial assistance and program support – helping more than 10,000 individuals build healthier, happier lives through Y programming, including our swim teams.

As part of our commitment to Social Responsibility, we ask that all Manta Ray swimmers and their families help support our mission by participating in our annual Splash-A-Thon, to be held February 4th.

Every dollar raised by our swimmers will go directly to community members in need through the Y's Financial Assistance program. This year, we hope to raise at least \$6,000 through the Splash-A-Thon, but we need your help! Encourage your swimmers to participate, help them ask family and friends for pledges, and talk with your family about the importance of giving back through fundraising, volunteering, or donating to causes that are important to you.

Our Splash-A-Thon provides an opportunity for our swimmers to have a significant and meaningful impact in their community, while developing a deeper understanding of what it means to give back. *We strongly encourage every swimmer on the team to participate.*

With gratitude,

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