CREATING A SAFE AND ENCOURAGING PLACE

THE NEED

Our Camp Ironwood is proud to include children with special needs as an integrated part of our camp experience. Many children in our community have been a part of our camp since Kindergarten, and the families have been relying on the Y so they can work, run errands, or simply recharge themselves physically and mentally while knowing their children are receiving the specialized care they need. However, as these children grow into young adults, they can no longer participate in camp, and the families are left without the quality care they need at a cost they can afford. Parents reaching this point have turned to the Y to continue to partner with them at this stage in their children’s lives.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

“The YMCA has already played such an important role in the development of so many children in our area, with an exemplary effort on the part of those with special needs, that we would love to see that care extended in the adult years! We have always had the utmost trust and faith in what the YMCA has done, that it is only natural that they would be the extended family to continue the care of these special adults.”

- YMCA Special Needs Parent

THE Y’S RESPONSE

CAMP APE

Camp APE will provide a safe and interactive place for those with special needs aged 18 and older to engage in physical and creative activities that allow them to continue to develop, strengthen their daily life skills, and provide fun and unique experiences such as swimming, field trips, and guest visitors. The Y provides a program that not only enriches the lives of the participants, it provides peace of mind for their families that their loved ones are with caring and experienced providers.

I wouldn’t change you for the world, but I would change the world for you!

ENRICHING CHILDREN’S LIVES

Donations are needed to support the various costs associated with providing Camp APE to families with adults aged 18 and older the appropriate and fun summer experience they deserve.

Make a gift today at ymcakpt.org/give!

- $500: Helps provide a field trip for campers to explore new places in our region
- $250: Can provide a week of Camp APE to a family in need
- $50: Covers the cost of one afternoon of swimming for Camp APE campers

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