

## Finding Comfort in Troubling Times



Upon moving to Ashland in July of 2017, Paul, Heidi, and Sean Masse needed a place to call home. Ashland serves as a safe and affordable place to live and has provided a great school system for Sean. Interested in The Y, the Masse Family received a family membership through the scholarship campaign that the YMCA offers. The family quickly became involved, as Paul and Sean actively participated in open swim and swim lessons. Unexpectedly, Paul passed away in April of 2018. Since losing Paul, the YMCA has become a second family to Heidi and Sean. "If I didn't have this place, I would be lost," Heidi stated. Heidi has found "US" here at the Ashland Family YMCA as a place of comfort from their loss. Heidi swims to relieve stress and to keep up on her physical activity. Sean, one with a great amount of energy and excitement, also has found the pool to be a place to unwind and escape. While Sean is an avid swimmer, with a goal to join the swim team, he is also busy with commitments to the Boy Scouts. If Sean could be at the Y every day, he would. He is always looking forward to the next event that is offered at the YMCA. Staff and members have been a huge piece to the puzzle as well. The Y is more than a place to work out and become healthier physically; it is also a place where one can build relationships and become healthier

socially and mentally. Even though the Masse's have only been members at the Ashland Family YMCA for less than a year, they feel like they are at home when they come through the front doors. Heidi and Sean are so thankful for the Y and the scholarship opportunity because without it, the Masse Family wouldn't have a place to go.



### **OUR MISSION:**

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

### **OUR PROMISE:**

That no one be turned away from the YMCA due to inability to pay.

### **OUR CAUSE:**

At the Y, strengthening community is our cause. We believe that lasting personal and social change can only come about when we all work together to invest in our kids, our health, and our neighbors.

# YOU

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- For A Better US helps sustain our facility for the community for generations to come.

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**US...IS EMPOWERING**

Everyday, the Y strengthens communities for kids, adults, seniors and families with programs that protect, teach, connect, heal, nourish and encourage. It's how we help communities and the "us" who live in them find the power of their full potential.

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