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Kerri's Story: Finding Inspiration

On February 12, 2014, Kerri's life changed forever when she suffered from a brain aneurysm. Her diagnosis was grim. Miraculously, she survived a 14 hour surgery that saved her life. After surgery, Kerri dealt with depression, anxiety, weight gain and vision loss in her left eye. She knew her road to recovery was going to be long, but was inspired through her faith, family and doctors to have hope. Kerri has been able to tackle each new day and its challenges with the help of the Geneva Lakes Family YMCA.

Kerri joined the YMCA in early 2015, through the income based Financial Assistance program. She said, "As a single mother, I am so thankful for the Financial Assistance program. Without it, I would not be able to afford a membership for myself and 14 year old son, Kaleb."

Kerri and Kaleb spend a lot of their time at the Geneva Lakes Family YMCA. Kerri continues to work on her strength and coordination, while Kaleb enjoys playing basketball after school. For Kerri, the Y is more than a place to pursue physical rehabilitation; it's where she finds her inspiration.

With the support of the YMCA, Kerri has lost more than 25 pounds, overcome her depression and has made new friendships along the way. "The YMCA has offered hope and encouragement. I was not expected to survive but I did and I'm here today," said Kerri. Kerri continues to live each day to her fullest.



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