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YMCA Impacts Two Generations – Mother & Daughter Thrive from the YMCA Values

The Geneva Lakes Family YMCA's income-based Financial Assistance program has opened up opportunities for Akilah B. and her 7-year old daughter, Nailah.

As a lifetime resident, Akilah grew up with very fond memories of the Geneva Lakes Family YMCA. She vividly remembers going to Y Nights, participating in programs and most importantly growing up with the YMCA values.

As a single mother who works hard to provide her daughter with the essentials to learn and thrive, Akilah wanted her daughter to grow up with the same values of the YMCA as she did.

Akilah said, "Everyone is always so friendly and welcoming at the Y. The Y is a safe community place. It's a place where you want your child to grow up at."

Through the YMCA's Financial Assistance income-based program, Akilah has been able to maintain a Family Membership and have her daughter participate in the Y programs. Akilah said, "I am so grateful for the Financial Assistance program. Nailah has learned to swim, play t-ball, tennis and conquer the rock wall. She loves the Y!"

"Summer Day Camp has also been a miracle for Nailah. She adores all the counselors and has thrived from learning the YMCA values of caring, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, and citizenship! Her positive experience at Summer Day Camp has helped her become more outgoing and confident. The Y has touched my daughter's life in so many ways," Akilah said.

Akilah is so grateful and passionate about the Y that she has decided to join the Staff Team. "I am so excited to be a part of the staff and help make a lasting impact on the community as the Y did for my family," said Akilah.



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