

In the last year, Champaign Park District has seen a dramatic increase in the community's need for affordable and impactful programming. We have answered the call through the opening of a new community center – Martens Center, by increasing the number of free community events, and by **awarding nearly \$54,000 in youth scholarships** between May 2021 and April 2022.

As our community continues to heal from the impact of the worldwide pandemic, this need for support will continue to grow. Over 300 families received scholarships in the last year, allowing their children to participate in park district programming like swim lessons, afterschool care, youth sports, and more.

Parks and recreation programs have been proven time and again to improve mental and physical health, and prevent future health issues like obesity and heart disease. Afterschool programs have been proven to reduce crime and increase student safety.



WILL YOU HELP ANSWER THE CALL TO PROVIDE EQUAL ACCESS TO LIFE-CHANGING PROGRAMMING?

Your \$50 donation will help a child learn to swim.

A contribution of \$100 will allow a child to play soccer in both the fall and the spring!

\$150 will send a child to day camp for one week.

\$650 will provide a child the opportunity to attend after school programs for an entire semester.

Answer the call today to **make an impact** on our entire community. However much you contribute, you will be making a difference in the life of a child right here in Champaign.



Please donate today by going online at champaignparks.com/ foundation, or you can write a check to the Champaign Parks Foundation and mail it in the enclosed envelope.

You can also support the Champaign Parks Foundation through your employer's Employee Giving Program or whenever you shop on Amazon! Just follow this link, log on, and shop as usual: smile.amazon.com/ch/36-4570632

However you give, **we truly appreciate your support** of the parks, programs, and events that make Champaign an awesome place to live!

MISSION STATEMENT

Champaign Parks Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit providing philanthropic support for the Champaign Park District.



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