



  
**LancasterREC**

**Teaming with  
our Community**



# For Generations

## Recreation for all - Services for all ages

Our greatest gifts to the community are the intangible ones.

- A child feeling the **confidence** to swim the entire length of the pool thanks to a swim lesson.
- A mother **cheering proudly** from the stands as her son scores a touchdown.



- A senior center member **laughing with friends** during a game of bridge.
- The **memories** made on the playground on a warm summer afternoon.
- A family **celebrating together** at a neighborhood park event.

**For generations, Lancaster Rec has been there.**

# For Recreation



## Annual Impact

- We award more than \$50,000 per year in youth sports scholarships to thousands of low-income families.
- We coordinate more than 80,000 free meals to children in our community.
- We offer free summer playground services to more than 3,500 children each year—costing more than \$60,000 to provide annually.
- We serve 7,550 meals and provide 4,461 rides to Lancaster seniors each year.
- We have 300+ volunteers donating 10,000+ hours to Lancaster Rec sports programming annually.
- Every year, more than 8,600 children participate in our programming.

Thanks to your support, we'll be there for generations more.

# For Joy

Our donors are bringing joy to the Lancaster community by helping residents discover their **interests**, their **talents** and their true **passions**.



Lancaster Rec gives the gift of being **connected** to our community and **learning** from each other.



Recreation and exploring new interests are for everyone, regardless of age. **Joy is a gift for all!**

# For Health

For thousands of children living in the City of Lancaster and Lancaster Township, opportunities to participate in youth sports don't - and won't - exist **because of financial hardships, lack of transportation and equipment costs.** We know there are far too many Lancaster children left on the sidelines, not getting to experience the benefits of recreation - **benefits like leadership, critical thinking, problem solving and being part of a team.** Through the Lancaster Rec Foundation, our Youth Athletic Scholarship gets children off of the sidelines and into the game.

## Recipients of the Scholarship\*:

- 90% feel healthier
- 82% feel better about self
- 73% have more confidence
- 74% get along better with others
- 68% stay out of trouble
- 57% have improved grades

\*Based on 2020 Youth Athletic Scholarship Survey



"My son has gained so much confidence through playing sports and now he is teaching his younger brother to play." - Parent of Scholarship Recipient

# For Community



"I've been volunteering with Lancaster Rec for more than 5 years because I love giving back to my community and being a difference maker. I feel Lancaster Rec is where I'm needed most and the welcome and smiles I get when I walk through the door are why I keep coming back. The work they do impacts children, adults and seniors alike."

**Karen Darrenkamp, Lancaster Rec Supporter and Volunteer**

"My 8-year old son participates in Lancaster Rec's Before-and-After School Care program, as well as Summer Camp. I know he is safe and he always looks forward to going. The staff keeps a keen eye on noticing emotional changes in him and this gives me added peace of mind. Their presence in his life is important and has enriched his school and summer experience."



**Momo Oishi Ortiz, Lancaster Rec Parent**



"I volunteer as a track and field coach with Lancaster Rec and have been changing children's lives for over two decades. I love being able to see kids grow through a season and then watch them blossom through the years."

**Jill Cyprus, Lancaster Rec Supporter and Volunteer**

# For Commitment



**Health Hero**  
**\$25 per month** pays for lunch for 5 children  
(\$300/year)

**Youth Sports Supporter**  
**\$50 per month** gets 12 children onto the field and  
into the game  
(\$600/year)

**Education Advocate**  
**\$100 per month** provides a book for 10 children  
each month  
(\$1,200/year)

**Senior Program Promoter**  
**\$250 per month** provides our senior center  
interactive activities  
(\$3,000/year)

**Community Champion**  
**\$500 per month** supports a sports league  
(\$6,000/year)



# For You

You are the hero for our community. You lift up others to make sure everyone can have access to joy, education and well-being. You will make a lasting impact on the lives of people in your community by giving the gift of health, wellness and recreation. We are grateful for your support.

# For All Of Us

Through the support of individual donors, community leaders and local businesses, the Lancaster Rec can continue to support Lancaster residents of all ages. Our dedicated staff and devoted volunteers are committed to helping Lancaster Rec succeed on all levels.

## Our Mission

**To provide quality and affordable recreation and learning opportunities to Lancaster residents**

## Our Vision

**A healthy community strengthened and brought together by recreation**

In fulfilling our mission, we believe in giving everyone who walks through our doors, participates in our programming or is impacted by it, a positive and equal experience. Lancaster Rec stands proudly with our diverse community and denounces any form of racism, hate or violence.

## Our History

As a community partnership of the City of Lancaster, School District of Lancaster, and Lancaster Township, the Lancaster Recreation Commission has served as a healthy haven for children, families, adults and seniors since its founding in 1909. Hundreds of recreational and educational programs are offered annually at minimal cost to the community.

