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Angola Area Chamber of Commerce

Membership Spotlight

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When was your business established/founded and why?

As many of you know the YMCA became a part of our community 19 years ago. Over the lifespan of the Y we have been reaching out and touching as many lives as we can, so that we can improve the quality of life for ALL. We are very grateful to the community leaders who had the vision to bring a YMCA to Steuben County.

Please describe your business:

Over 4,000 members within our community gain a sense of belonging and are provided the tools, support and skills to live life to the fullest. When you join the Y, you become part of something more than a gym. You become part of a place that is making our community stronger: youth who are learning the fundamentals of sports, learning how to swim through our swim program, providing instruction to our seniors through our Silver Sneaker program and making sure

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kids are engaging in activity and learning throughout the summer at our day camp. By providing impactful programs to our community, we are strengthening community through Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility.

Why should Angola residents/visitors choose your business?

Come belong to a special place where we encourage community.

To what do you attribute your current success?

Our current success goes to the dedicated staff and volunteers who make what we do everyday impactful to the community.

Tell us about your company's dedication to quality or customer service...

We have many stories of how we have helped customers improve their financial stability. It is what we love to do.

Tell us a story that sums up your business philosophy

J.L Horton became a Y member after suffering a life changing injury. Daily use of the whirlpool in the early phase of his membership helped with pain management, which he says kept him from becoming addicted to the prescribed pain medication. Through weight training and swimming, he has gained 90% mobility in his arm, something doctors said would never go above 60%.

What started out as swimming with a pool noodle, has since turned into swimming laps unassisted. His perseverance has led to a renewed sense of self.

What makes you most proud of your business?

That we are changing lives.

A really great day for our company is when...

...one person has increased their quality of life through the programs that we offer.