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Carl H. Lindner YMCA Honored With YMCA Branch Eagle Award

The Carl H. Lindner YMCA was recently honored with the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati's Branch Eagle Award at the association's 2009 annual meeting. Each year association branch's vote to select the Award recipient for its strides in manifesting the YMCA vision and taking responsibility for improving the quality of life in Greater Cincinnati.

Known for its tradition of after school child care and summer camp services, over youth and children each week enjoy enriching time at the Carl H. Lindner YMCA in the West End. Aquatics safety instructors taught over 1,200 youth and teens how to be safe in the water. The program growth the branch accomplished, including fully licensing all programs, happened concurrently with growing youth sports participation by over 30%.

This city core location introduced new activities like soccer, ballet and gymnastics to expand the horizons and opportunities for local children and families - none more significant than its double dutch jump roping program. Its world-class teams have won National Championships, and caught world attention after medaling in World Competitions. The branch's high school division team last year visited, performed, and conducted workshops at the YMCA's Youth Expo in Prague, Czech Republic.

With more than 143,500 participants across the Tri-State, the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati has grown to operate 111 program child care, CincyAfterSchool, and 21st Century Community Learning sites in addition to its 17 branches and summer camp locations. The Association is one of the largest not-for-profit community services organization in this area that is committed to helping everyone reach their God-given potential in spirit, mind, and body – regardless of their ability to pay. Each year tens of thousands of people from children to seniors are able to participate in YMCA programs and services because of financial assistance, including health and wellness, active older adult programs, youth and teen camp, swimming and water safety lessons, teen achievers, college readiness, and job preparedness. In 2008, over 17,000 children and families participated with YMCA need-based scholarships.

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