At 4-months, River was diagnosed with Severe Oral Aversion that required a feeding tube in her belly, an hour-long nutrition drip for each meal, and regular bloodwork and X-rays to make sure her bones were developing. When their home nurse took other work, the family found that most childcare centers didn’t want this responsibility. But a spot opened at the Horn Family YMCA Early Learning Center and within one month, there was a noticeable change in River. She was trying to jump, run and play. “My child, who only had a small vocabulary of 30 words, started forming sentences. She was growing and putting on weight.” The therapists and doctors were amazed.

“I will never forget the day I came to pick her up and Jody told me she had eaten a whole meal. I wanted to cry. How could this place do something for my child that no doctor, nurse, or therapist could? The love and support that Jody and the other teachers have given her is the one thing that has helped River grow into the strong, smart and beautiful girl she is now. They showed her what she was truly capable of and supported her every step of the way.”
OUR 2017 IMPACT IN NEW MEXICO

23,000 individuals benefited from Y programs like early childhood education, meals for preschoolers, teen job readiness, and senior health and wellness classes

1,400 volunteers donated thousands of hours, making the Y one of the largest volunteer led and driven organizations in New Mexico

400 programs for youth and adults addressed healthy lifestyles and well-being

9 outreach facilities delivered positive development programs and activities

10,000 youth and teens impacted
10,000 adults impacted
3,000 senior lives improved

$500,000+ in financial assistance to 700+ individuals

TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES ADVOCATED BY THE Y
• Protect YMCA’s and other nonprofits charitable, tax-exempt status.
• Support policy and environmental changes for Pioneering Healthy Communities.
• Support evidence-based strategies to reduce rates of chronic diseases.
• Support legislation to ensure families at all socioeconomic levels have access to affordable, quality childcare.

SERVING PEOPLE LIVING IN THESE COUNTIES

100s of partners worked with the Y including school districts, churches, county and local governments, the State of NM, United Way, federal agencies, courts, and organizations

10,000 youth benefited from Afterschool enrichment, Y Camp, Youth And Government, developmental sports, Teen Centers, and outdoor programs

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The Y.™ For a better us.