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Our Community Is Making Summer Brighter



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As we reach the halfway point of summer camp, we're incredibly grateful to the community partners who are helping make this summer unforgettable for our kiddos! From a fun-filled trip to Hunt Club Farm and a sweet ice cream donation from Wells Enterprises, to Dominion Energy's support of a day at Owl Creek Landing and a generous Chick-fil-A donation from Wayne Anderson of the Virginia Patriot Guard, our campers have been making memories and enjoying every minute of summer!

A message from Laura Baxter, ASYMCAHR Executive Director

I peek into one of the Summer Camp classrooms. A few of the children are around a table working on a craft. A little girl is standing in the background just watching. One of them turns around and sees her standing there. "Do you want to join us?" she says. The young girl smiles brightly and joins the group. I don't know how many times I have seen this same scenario play out. Yes, taking care of each other and building a community is critical to navigating through the challenges of military life. I feel such a sense of pride. And I smile, because I know that our staff, at the Armed Services YMCA of Hampton Roads, is part of this community and committed to helping our military families. Have a safe and wonderful rest of the Summer Season, everyone!



One Visit. Three Months of Impact.

Sometimes the biggest acts of generosity begin with a simple conversation.

A few weeks ago, Florence Reese, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, stopped by the Armed Services YMCA of Hampton Roads with a thoughtful donation... a check, several children's books, and mouthwash for our Patriot's Pantry. During a brief tour of our facility, Florence asked a simple but powerful question, "What else can I do to help?"

That conversation led to an extraordinary gift.

Shortly after her visit, Florence made a generous charitable stock transfer providing enough support to sustain our Patriot's Pantry for approximately three months, ensuring military families facing food insecurity have access to the groceries and essential household items they need.

We are incredibly grateful for Florence's generosity, her heart for service, and her desire to make a lasting difference in the lives of military families.

Did you know that one of the most tax-efficient ways to support the Armed Services YMCA of Hampton Roads is by donating appreciated stock, and the process is often much simpler than people realize. You may also be able to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from your IRA to the ASYMCAHR. If you are age 70½ or older, a QCD can satisfy all or a portion of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) while potentially reducing your taxable income.

If you've ever considered making a charitable gift through a stock transfer, we'd love to talk with you. Please contact Laurie Erie, Director of Development, at lerie@asymca.org or 757-998-8772, who can guide you through the process. To ensure your gift is directed at the Armed Services YMCA of Hampton Roads, please let Laurie know of your plans before initiating the transfer.

Your investment today can help strengthen the military families who sacrifice so much for our nation.



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- Grab and Go Lunch
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- Dinner
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"Be Somebody's Hero" Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 17, 2026
Sewells Point Golf Course
Shotgun Start at 11:30 am

Join us for this FUNraising event to support ASYMCAHR's
no- and low-cost programs and services for military families!

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT




Number of
Homes in
Hampton Roads

★

4,250+
THROUGHOUT
11 PROPERTIES




YEARS
OF SERVICE

★

25
AS OF
AUGUST 1, 2026

Happy 25th Anniversary



FOCUS

★

To provide military families exemplary service in a quality home environment.




COMMUNITY
CONNECTIONS

★

To partner with organizations that support the goal of providing resources and strengthening military families.




DEDICATION

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To improve the quality of life for military families living in base housing through programs designed to strengthen personal connections between neighbors.




Ooh La La! A Starry Night in Paris Creates Magical Memories

The ASYMCAHR welcomed fathers and daughters and a handful of military families to a magical Starry Night in Paris at the **2026 Father-Daughter Military Child Ball**. Inspired by the charm of Paris and Disney's Ratatouille, the evening featured elegant décor, Parisian-inspired cuisine including Chicken Cordon Bleu à la Remy and Linguini's Lucky Pasta, creating an unforgettable experience for fathers, daughters, and military children.

The evening was filled with meaningful moments as fathers accompanied their daughters to select fresh flowers to create beautiful bouquets before families enjoyed designing their own chef hats and aprons. Throughout the night, the dance floor remained packed while guests captured memories at the photo booths and indulged in a crowd-favorite dessert station featuring warm, delicious funnel fries.

More than just a celebration, this annual event provided fathers and daughters, active-duty parents and military children with an opportunity to strengthen bonds and create lasting memories together. The Armed Services YMCA of Hampton Roads extends its sincere appreciation to our generous sponsors, volunteers, community partners, and staff whose support made this enchanting evening possible.

GIVE TODAY!

Every military family deserves peace of mind knowing their child is cared for in a safe, supportive environment. A gift of \$100 sponsors one child for a full week of Before & After School Care, providing a place where they can learn, grow, and thrive while their parents serve our nation. Help us to continue to put military families first, and together, we can ease the challenges of military life and create brighter futures for those who sacrifice so much.

the  **ARMED SERVICES YMCA**
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WHERE YOUR  **DONATION GOES**

Every gift makes a powerful impact on military families.



\$100

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IN A SAFE,
SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.



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OUR IMPACT



47

PRE-K STUDENTS
ANNUALLY



36

MIXED DELIVERY
GRANT PARTNER



30

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(NECPA) Accredited



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Programs in the area and
state to be awarded the
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♥ WHAT PARENTS ARE SAYING

“ I would highly recommend this program. There's a difference between a job and a profession, and I feel as though the teachers truly love what they do here. My child has loved every day at this facility!

“ All of the teachers are amazing! They're fun, they have hearts of gold and the kids just love them.

“ My son has been going here for almost two years, and we have loved every minute of it. The teachers are so good with him, even when he is challenging. He has grown and learned so much during his time at ASYMCAHR. I'm forever grateful for the opportunity we were given for him to be a student here!



OUR MISSION: Through engaging learning experiences, caring teachers, and strong partnerships with military families, we help every child build confidence, independence, and a love for learning that lasts a lifetime.



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