

# Mission Moments

A true story from a Thompson, CT Town Meeting: Volunteers from the Quiet Corner presented the proposal for a local YMCA at various town meetings during the past year and a half. Local children came to give their input. At the Thompson meeting, a bevy of young mothers sat together chatting and laughing before the meeting began. But then a gentleman raised a concern that the people of the community would not be able to afford membership. Local resident Darcee Blackmer took a deep breath, stood up and told this story:

“I was twelve years old, living in Houston, TX in a very dysfunctional household to say the least. There was not always food on the table nor money in the bank, but I was always welcome at the local YMCA. I joined the swim team and participated in their summer camp programs. It had a great impact on my self-esteem, and my life. With the YMCA, if there is a will, they will help find a way.”



*Do you remember the moment as a child when you learned to swim? Do you remember being afraid and when you let go--trust that someone was there to catch you? Do you remember the pride and pleasure you expressed? That's what the YMCA can provide for the children of Northeastern Connecticut*