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Stateline Family YMCA Launches “Young Men Thriving” Program to Empower Local Teens

Beloit, WI — The Stateline Family YMCA is proud to spotlight its new Young Men Thriving (YMT) program, an initiative designed to inspire, mentor, and equip young men in the community with the skills, confidence, and support they need to succeed in life.

The Young Men Thriving pairs basketball with life skills sessions, focusing on holistic development—addressing mental, physical, and emotional well-being—while fostering leadership, accountability, and positive peer relationships. Through mentorship, group discussions, educational workshops, and community engagement, participants are guided toward becoming strong, responsible leaders both now and in the future.

“Our goal is to help local young men see what’s possible for their lives and give them the support to get there,” said LaRon Lofton, Director of Youth Sports and Recreation. “When they build confidence, learn to lead, and feel connected to a positive community, they’re set up to thrive beyond this program.”

The program brings together experienced mentors and community partners who provide guidance on topics such as resume writing, mental health, college and career options, rising above challenges, nutrition and exercise, and financial literacy. Participants engaged in teamwork exercises, reflective conversations, and leadership-building experiences that strengthen both character and community connection. Those who completed the program were gifted a 6-month membership to Stateline Family YMCA at no cost, which will help them continue to practice their new habits and skills while connecting at the Y.

The initiative reflects the YMCA’s long-standing commitment to youth development and social responsibility, ensuring that every young person has the opportunity to thrive regardless of background or circumstance.

The Y would like to thank all who contributed to making this program impactful.

- Hendricks Careertek for facilitating a resume workshop
- Dr. Dennis Baskin for presenting on financial literacy and the importance of credit
- Members of the Stateline Family YMCA team for facilitating nutrition, exercise, and mentorship activities
- Brodie Trophy for donating the jerseys teens wore during 3-on-3 basketball as a part of the program

Families and community members interested in learning more about the Young Men Thriving program or how to get involved are encouraged to contact the Stateline Family YMCA at (608) 362-2261 or visit their social media channels for updates and highlights.

About Stateline Family YMCA

The Stateline Family YMCA is dedicated to strengthening the community through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. Serving individuals and families across the Stateline region, the YMCA provides programs and services that promote growth, connection, and well-being for all.

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