



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

No Place Like This Place

Kankakee Area YMCA

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Our Legacy in Kankakee County

1894

Our Beginnings

- Born from a community-led effort seeking positive gather space.
- Guided by state YMCA advisor, started with 200 members to support facility offering gym, reading room and more.
- Officially opened doors on 3rd floor of Swannell Building.

2025

Today's Community

- Dynamic. Diverse. Evolving.
- Strong demand for youth development, health access and inclusive gathering spaces.
- Community ready for the next chapter.

2155

Our Aspirations

- Fully integrated wellness and innovation campus where every child and family has access to holistic health and community connection.
- The Y will continue transforming lives, one relationship, one resource, one life at a time.

130 Years Forward Building the Future Starting Now



Uniting our founding spirit with modern
reach through **Project Thrive**.

**The Y is more than a gym. It's more than a swim.
It's where community happens.**

A Glimpse Into the Future

Project Thrive



A multi-phase capital vision to ensure the Y continues to be a resilient anchor for generations to come.

Not just about buildings, about belonging.

What we build today ensures we're here for the next 130 years.



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the **Y** | **175** YEAR ANNIVERSARY

We Want to Hear From You

Kankakee Area YMCA



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- Mutually Beneficial Partnerships
- Access For All
- Sustainable Growth
- Program Excellence
- Equity & Innovation



**Let's Build the Future
Together**

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