

UNITED WAY OF BROOME COUNTY



Agency Name: Broome County Catholic Youth Organization

Program Name: Athletics and Recreation Program

Program Success Story:

CYO basketball gave me the opportunity to bring not only my skills to the court, but my desire to be part of a team who valued each and every member. My coaches instilled the value of team work, sportsmanship and respect for each other in each practice and game. While our focus was certainly on winning, it was how they influenced our attitudes before, during and after a game that had a major impact on the outcome of our game. The members from our team came from various school districts as well as different backgrounds. We were able to embrace the competitiveness of the sport but learn from each other in so many ways that winning alone could not do. I thank the CYO community and my coaches for giving me the opportunity to continue to enjoy the sport of basketball, but also for contributing to my personal success as a person. They have taught me values in life: to believe, to persevere, to encourage and to lead. It is upon these values that I have been able to accomplish my goals not only in sports, but in school and within the community. My experiences with the CYO have been life changing and I will often reflect upon them as I someday hope to coach and guide the youth in our community.

Patrick, March 2010

CYO sports have had an enormous impact on my life. They have taught me the importance of dedication, motivation, responsibility, and hard work. Because of the CYO program, I learned time management skills at a young age. These skills will stay with me for the rest of my life, and I owe a large part of my success (both academic and athletic) to the values I learned during my years in the CYO program.

Alyssa, February 2010

I feel that all of my involvement in CYO programs and my volunteering has helped me to become a more compassionate person. This has also lead to my career choice of a physical therapist. I feel that this is a career where I can give back to others some of the help that has been given to me.

Dominic, March 2010

The coaches of CYO taught me good sportsmanship, great techniques, how to play as a team, but most of all they taught me how to have fun doing something that I love. The inspiration and confidence they gave me is something that I will never forget and because of their leadership they made me want to become a coach and help children.

Christina, March 2010