

**UNITED WAY OF THE OHIO VALLEY  
UNION COUNTY  
PARTNER AGENCY: UNION COUNTY YMCA**

**The Union County YMCA ...** We are striving to reach our goal of  
**“Youth Development, Social Responsibility, and Family Involvement”**  
in every program we offer and every individual we serve.

This year our success story is not about just one individual, but 20 successful young ladies that are called **“The Y All Stars.”** This group represents all the above characteristics! The Y All Stars is a competitive cheerleading team led by Coach Lori Watson, with girls ranging in ages 6 through 18. It includes 5 high school cheerleaders, several middle school cheerleaders and the rest are first graders through high school. This team understands the meaning of hard work, dedication, failure and success and the desire to keep trying and never give up in order to reach a goal and be a success, a goal that is not only your own but that of your team. This group practices and learns new skills several times a week spending hours of training, especially right before a competition. At times they have practiced for over six hours in one day. This has led them to many awards and first place trophies and a special invitation coming up to the US National Cheerleading Championship Finals-May 2016 in Virginia Beach, VA.

The diverse group has provided the older and more experienced girls the opportunity to develop leadership skills and guidance for the younger group, a big/little sister scenario, team building, new friendships and mentoring. The younger group also learned about team work while developing their tumbling and cheerleading skills. They have learned about setting goals and what it takes to achieve those goals. The entire group has the support and involvement of their parents and siblings which creates a wonderful family environment.

This group has traveled to competitions in Louisville, Nashville, and Indianapolis. They bring home awards, medallions and trophies, but the most important of all is the confidence they have achieved in themselves and their team. I have seen each girl grow in Spirit, Mind and Body through their experience as a member of **“The Y All Stars.”** I have seen their bodies grow stronger, their relationships grow deeper, and their families grow closer. All involved have a greater self-image, an enhanced understanding of commitment and dedication that will enrich their lives forever.

The UC YMCA.... We’re more than you know. We’re a cause. Our cause is strengthening community and so much more. “Youth Development, Social Responsibility, Family Involvement.

**WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?**

With your investment of \$100 **Union County YMCA** can:

- Cover membership fee to the UC YMCA for four months
- Cover a college student or senior citizen a membership for 5 months
- Cover two youth fees for a season of soccer
- Provide funding to help with our free Healthy Kids Day Event
- Provide funding for 20 Zumba classes

