



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

# ALL IN THE FAMILY

## Stephanie's Success Story EAU CLAIRE YMCA

As a Y member since early grade school, Stephanie said she can still remember the present-day Lifestyle Fitness Center as an arcade that her and her friends would go hang out at during their free time.

Growing up, Stephanie immersed herself at the Eau Claire Y, and it all began with her taking swim lessons. Her husband Charlie also grew up as a Y kid, and was involved in football, basketball and swim. When they were old enough, both Charlie and Stephanie worked at Camp Manitou as well.

So, when Stephanie and Charlie had 4 kids of their own, it only seemed natural to immerse them in Y activities as well. All of their children, Dana, Dani, Andrew and Nicole, have been involved in activities such as swim, child care, Camp Manitou and basketball.

In addition to being involved in Y programs, Dana, Dani and Andrew have all held jobs at the Y. Dana's been involved in Kids Korner, the member engagement team, Camp Manitou, and the swim team. Andrew has been involved with Camp Manitou and the aquatics department, and Dani works in Kids Korner.

Since her children have been so involved in the Y, Stephanie has also worked in Kids Korner for about 8 years. The idea for her to become involved with the Y again came from Executive Director Ken Van Es.

"He kept seeing me in the hallways while my kids were here, and one day asked me, 'Well, if you're here so much, why don't you just work here?'" she said.

Although many parts of the Y have impacted her family, Stephanie said Camp Manitou seems to stick out the most.

"I went to camp, my husband worked at camp," she said, "so growing up, of course my kids were going to go to camp."

Between camp, various jobs and other programs that Stephanie's family has been involved in over the years, everyone has easily found their place at the Eau Claire Y.

"The Y has been a stable part of our lives," Stephanie said. "It just has always made sense to keep coming back."

