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MY Y STORY

ENSURE A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Our family has enjoyed many activities at the Burbank YMCA since our move from New York City. Pool time was very special for our middle son, Ethan, who was diagnosed with incurable, terminal-upon-diagnosis brain cancer (DIPG) in May 2014. In 2015, Ethan lost all mobility in his arms and legs and attending weekly open swim time with Papa was crucial to Ethan's rehabilitation. He soon regained the ability to stand, walk, feed himself and even ride scooters with his brothers.

After Ethan passed away in July 2015, our youngest son, William, developed a close connection to Ms. Kelly in Room 4 and endearing friendships with the other children in his class.

Even though the financial devastation related to our son's diagnosis persisted, we have been incredibly fortunate to receive financial aid from the Burbank Y. There really aren't words to adequately describe how profoundly meaningful this assistance has been to our family. Put simply, without the financial assistance, our boys would not be able to attend the Y.

The access to robust, diverse programming and the extended childcare hours allow my husband and I to fulfill work commitments.

We are deeply grateful to the YMCA for providing us with a sense of community, and a village of people who care for the development, security and well-being for our children.

-Katherine Abbey and David Tacheny

