

## AT THE Y, KIDS LEARN, GROW AND THRIVE

Kids involved in the YMCA Kids Club in the John Horan Garden Apartments join YMCA staff daily for educational, recreational, cultural and relational activities. Children learn positive behaviors and character values such as caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. They explore their unique talents and abilities – helping them realize their potential.

That makes for confident kids today and contributing adults tomorrow.

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# YMCA ART CLUB

JOHN HORAN GARDEN APARTMENTS



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## ABOUT THE YMCA ART CLUB

The YMCA Art Club is offered as part of the YMCA Kids Club program Monday-Friday from 2:30-6:30 p.m. Children are involved in culturally and educationally enriching activities.

### Services

- Daily educational programs: tutoring, homework assistance and literacy
- 1200 book youth library
- Cultural, educational and art classes
- YMCA StarBuck incentive program
- Theater program
- Free book program
- Girl Scout Troops
- Art, dance and photography lessons
- Art shows, photography exhibits and dance recitals.
- Monthly program at Erie County Library using therapy dogs to enhance children's reading skills.
- Field trips to local performances etc.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We are proud of the youth involved in the YMCA Art Club. They are having meaningful experiences that align with their interests, needs and abilities.

### Accomplishments

- Theater productions include "Just Like Us", "The Comic Book Villains and Heroes", "Who Me? Yes You!", "Lights, Camera, Action", "Sideways Stories from Wayside School," "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and the first musical "The Magical Land of Oz"
- Video and movie productions include "Modern Fairy Tales", "Red vs. The Wolf" and teen participants placed Fourth in a community video competition.
- Youth theater participants have auditioned and were casted in theater productions at the Erie Playhouse.
- Photographs showcased in 2008 Erie Housing Authority annual calendar. Art pieces were displayed at the Erie County Public Library.

## COMMUNITY LINKS

Collaborating with like-minded community agencies, nonprofits and local companies enhances the programming and experiences we are able to offer to our youth.

### Partners

Edison Elementary School, Erie Public Library, Northwestern PA Girl Scouts, Erie Playhouse, Mercyhurst College, Safe Net, YMCA John Horan Garden Apartments Kids Club, LECOM, Community Oriented Police and Probation Services, Earth Action, Neighborhood Art House, Slippery Rock University, Gannon University Nursing Center, Books for Kids, Erie General Electric Federal Credit Union, Kiwanis, and the Erie Community Foundation.

