

GIFT YOUR GRATITUDE

BILLY'S STORY

Over a decade ago I lost one of my legs to diabetes. After that, I knew I needed to work as hard as I ever had to keep my other leg, so I joined the YMCA. When I first joined, my intention was to come in, do my workout and leave. But then a wonderful thing happened – I started to experience so much more here. Not only do the staff members motivate and believe in me, but other members do too! You can't help but feel like you're part of a community when you step through the front door. Having these people motivate me with their encouragement as I face this battle is what has given me the perseverance to keep fighting against my disease, day after day.

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- Billy C.

