

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge and South Amboy
and the
YMCA at the Piscataway Community Center

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the State of New Jersey, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to all those gathered to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge, and South Amboy.

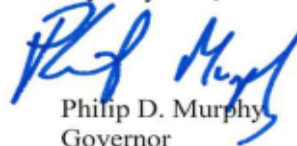
Since its founding over a century ago, the YMCA has been a crucial community partner in the areas that it serves. The YMCA has been providing vital programs to residents with a focus on youth development, healthy lifestyles, and promoting social responsibility. The YMCA continues to provide scholarship and financial assistance to families and individuals within Southern Middlesex County.

As Governor, I commend the staff and volunteers for their dedicated service that has fostered and cultivated the success and legacy of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge, and South Amboy.

I would like to recognize and congratulate this year's honorees: Mayor Brian Wahler, Township of Piscataway receiving the Peter J. Barnes, Jr. Community Champion Award, Bruce Peragallo receiving the Charles S. Edgar Memorial Award, and Withum receiving the Community Partner Award. I applaud each of you for your steadfast commitment to serving your communities and for upholding the core values of the YMCA – respect, honesty, responsibility, and caring.

Best wishes for a successful and memorable event.

My very best,


Philip D. Murphy
Governor

Metuchen-Edison 'Y' Picks Staff

METUCHEN — Martin D. Jessen was elected president of the board of directors of the Metuchen-Edison YMCA Monday in the "Y." He succeeds George McCauslan who was presented a plaque in recognition and appreciation of his four terms as president and seven years on the board.

Jessen, a World War II and Korean War veteran, is a graduate of Rutgers University. He is president of Arnolt Brothers Inc. and of the Metuchen Savings and Loan Association; on the board of directors of the Metuchen Area Chamber of Commerce, Metuchen Rotary Club, and executive board of the Middlesex Council, Boy Scouts of America. He is a member of the Reformed Church. Jessen has previously served as president of the "Y" board.

Others elected were: First vice president, John A. Chamberlain; second vice president, Clyde H. Fitch; treasurer, Fred Runyon, and secretary, Mrs. Donald J. Hogan. Runyon and Mrs. Hogan were re-elected.

Elrich Eichbaum, Donald R. Raleigh and Robert Kovatch were elected as new members to the board and Charles N. Pickitt was re-elected. All will serve three-year terms with the



Martin D. Jessen

vocation by Ralph Tompkins, extension director. Remarks on the past year's accomplishments were given by McCauslan and Harry Williams, executive director. Entertainment featured calisthenics drill by the Boy Junior Leaders Club, movies of Indian Guide activities, and a professional tumbling act by "The Romaines," who are in private life Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson, members of the Metuchen "Y." Mrs. Thompson is the former coach of the girls



YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO! -- Metuchen swimmers who took part in State YMCA competition Monday included, (left to right), Dennis Szczepanek, Howard Rasmussen, Lane Gibson, Jay Lander and

Howard Cherneck. Lander won the gold medal in the 50-yard competition for 11-year-olds. Szczepanek took top honors in breast stroke.

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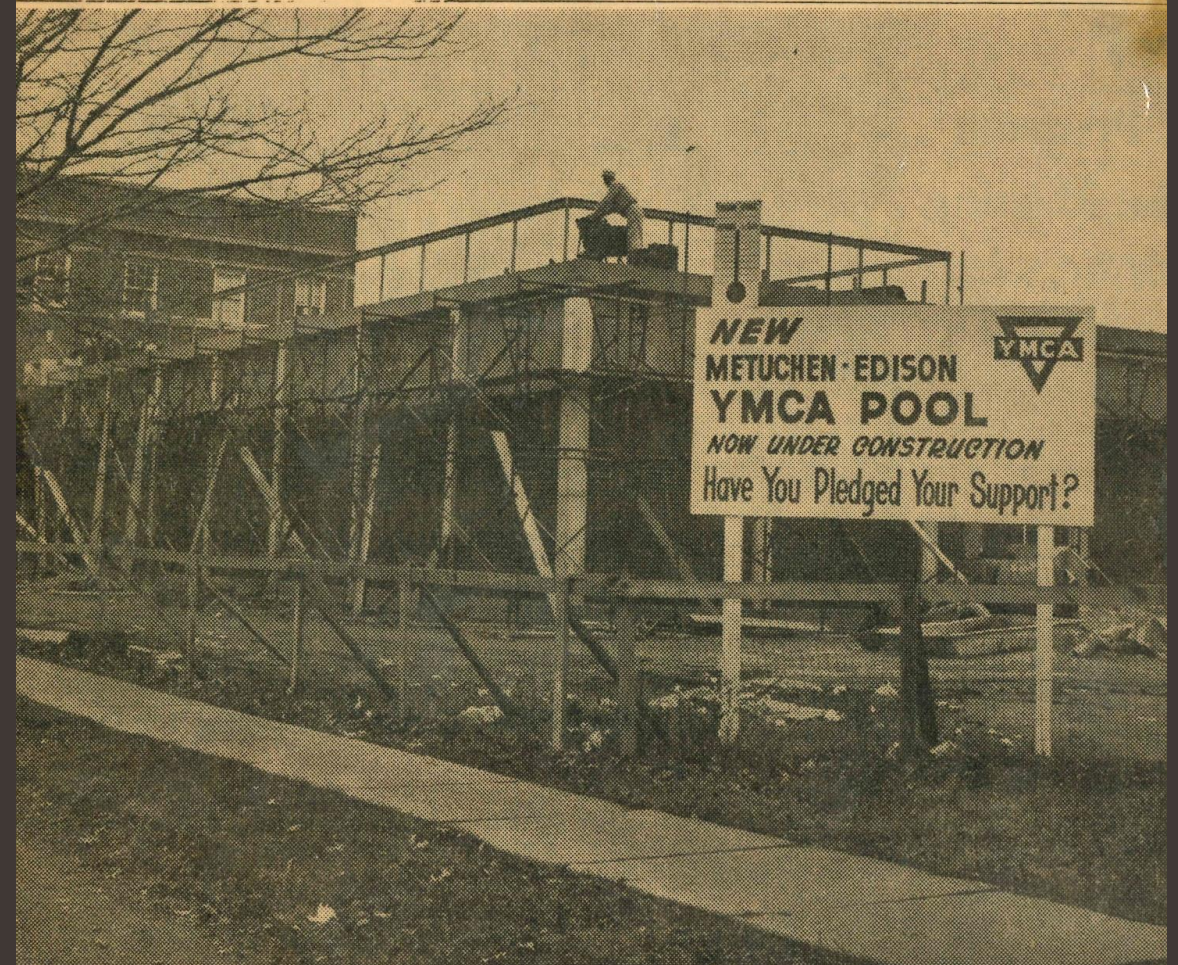


YMCA GROUNDBREAKING—Mayor Robert Flanagan of Metuchen prepares to dig a spadefull of dirt at the groundbreaking ceremony Sunday for an addition to the YMCA. The new structure is expected to be completed in the fall and will house an Olympic-size pool. Others in the photo are, from the left, Philip Ruegger Jr., chairman, Building Expansion Committee; James Thompson, architect; Flanagan; Jack Chamberlain, president of the YMCA board of directors, and Andrew Muller, business administrator for Edison Township.

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POOL BEING BUILT: Construction work proceeds on an addition to the Metuchen-Edison YMCA on High Street in Metuchen. A swimming pool will be

housed in the addition. Ground was broken last May for the expansion program.

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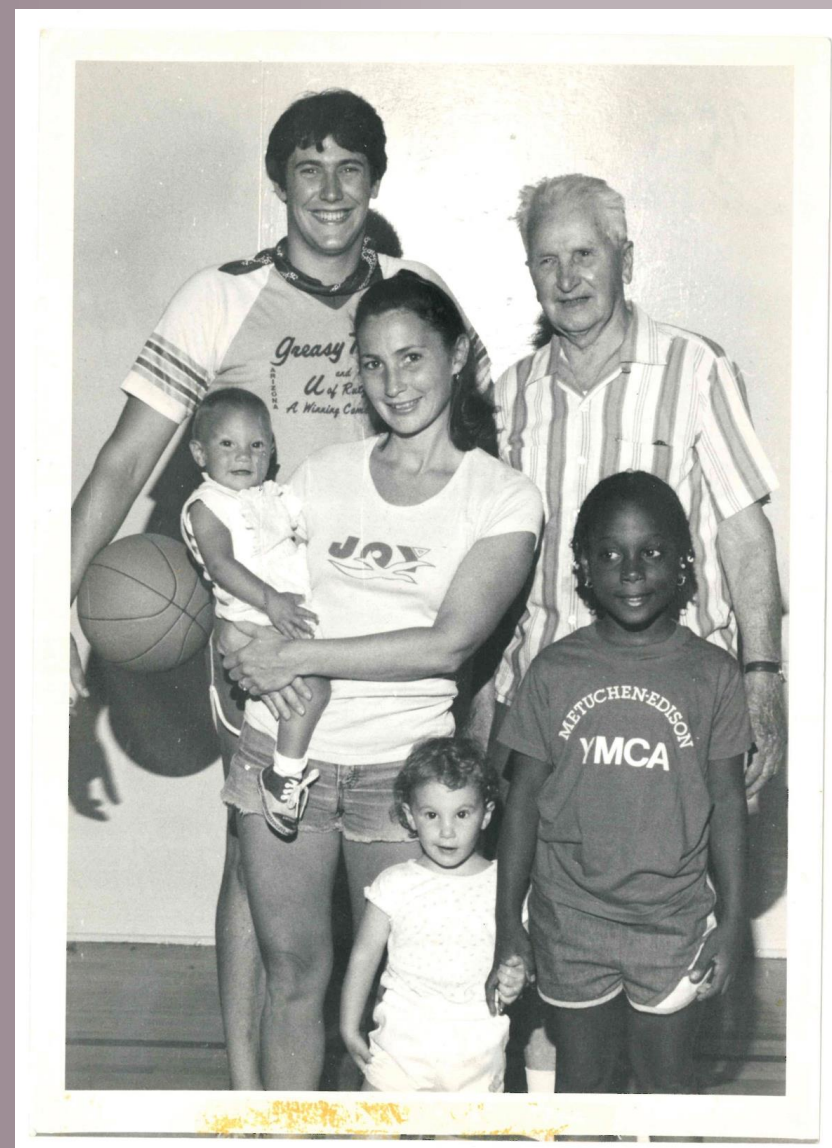
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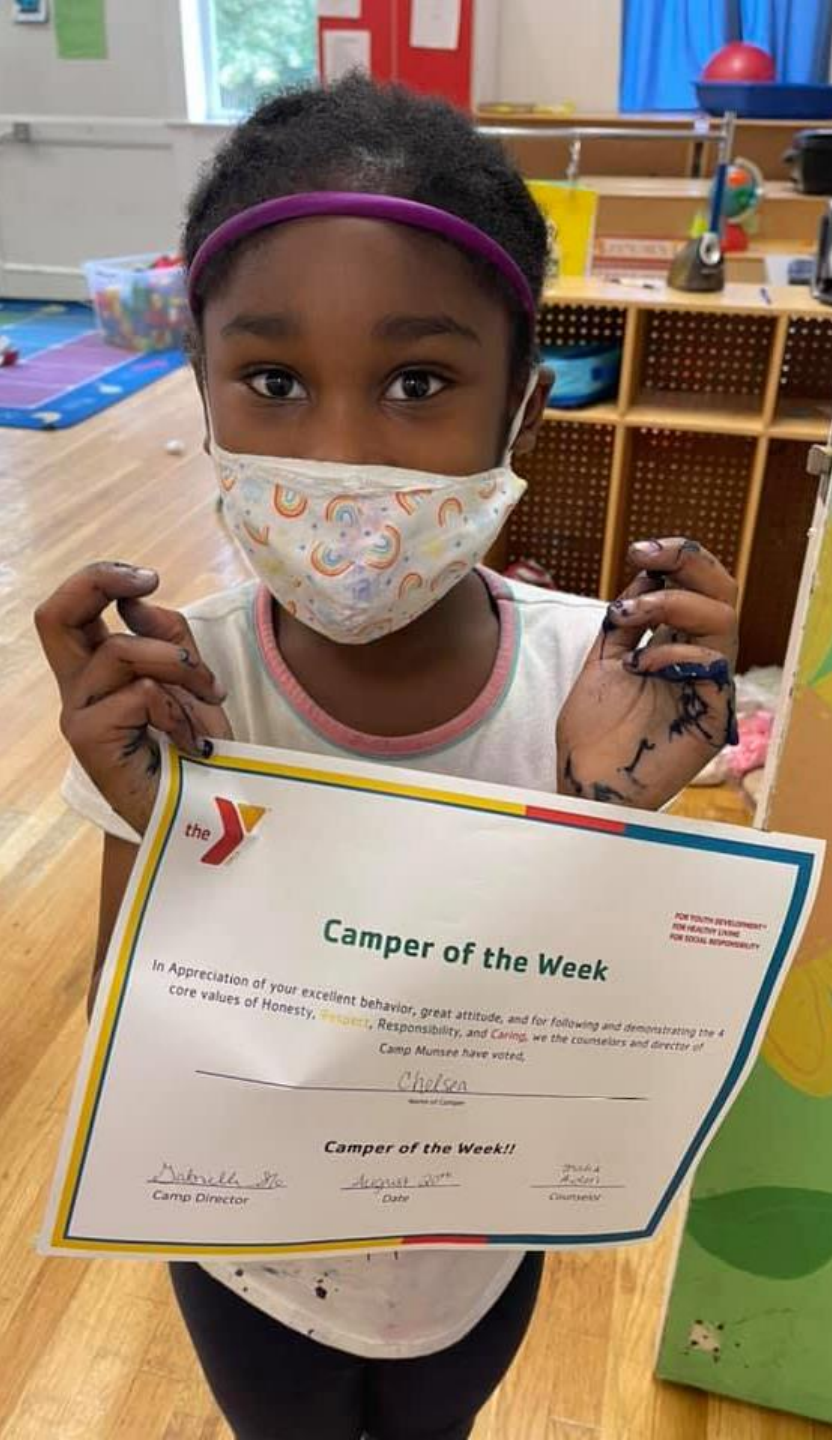


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1989 Martin Jessen
1990 Harry Russell
1991 Walton Zelle
1992 Walter Bradstreet
1993 John Cassell
1994 Frederick Runyon
1995 Donald Wernik
1996 Richard Hale
1997 Robert Beringer
1998 Deborah Hassert
1999 Pamela Brown

2000 Jack Belowich
2001 Dr. William Ainslie
2002 Dr. Richard Neuberger
2003 Katherine Liseno
2004 John Wiley, Jr.
2005 Ralph Steinhardt
2006 Ronald Grayzel
2007 Michael Patterson
2008 Lucinda Florio
2009 Edward H. Perone
2010 David Belowich

2011 Gary Ostermueller
2012 Dora Ramos
2013 PSE&G
2014 Theodore & Sally Ayotte
2015 Maria Tomaro
2016 Bill Lovett
2017 Patricia Wiley
2018 Lorraine Mulligan
2019 Jan Grayzel
2020 Paul Edgcomb

Honorees Through The Years

Peter J. Barnes Jr. Community Champion Award

2005 Peter J. Barnes, Jr.

2006 Barbara Buono

2007 Caroline Ehrlich

2008 Charles Tomaro

2009 Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr.

2010 David Crabiel (Posthumously)

2011 John T. O'Leary

2012 Thomas Vahalla

2013 Middlesex County Greenway

2014 Peter J. Barnes, III

2015 Not Awarded

2016 Mickey Gross

2017 Honorable James J. Florio

2018 Zusette Dato

2019 Speaker Craig Coughlin

2020 George J. Trapp

Honorees Through The Years

Community Partner Award

2019 Metuchen Bank

2020 Hackensack Meridian JFK University Medical Center

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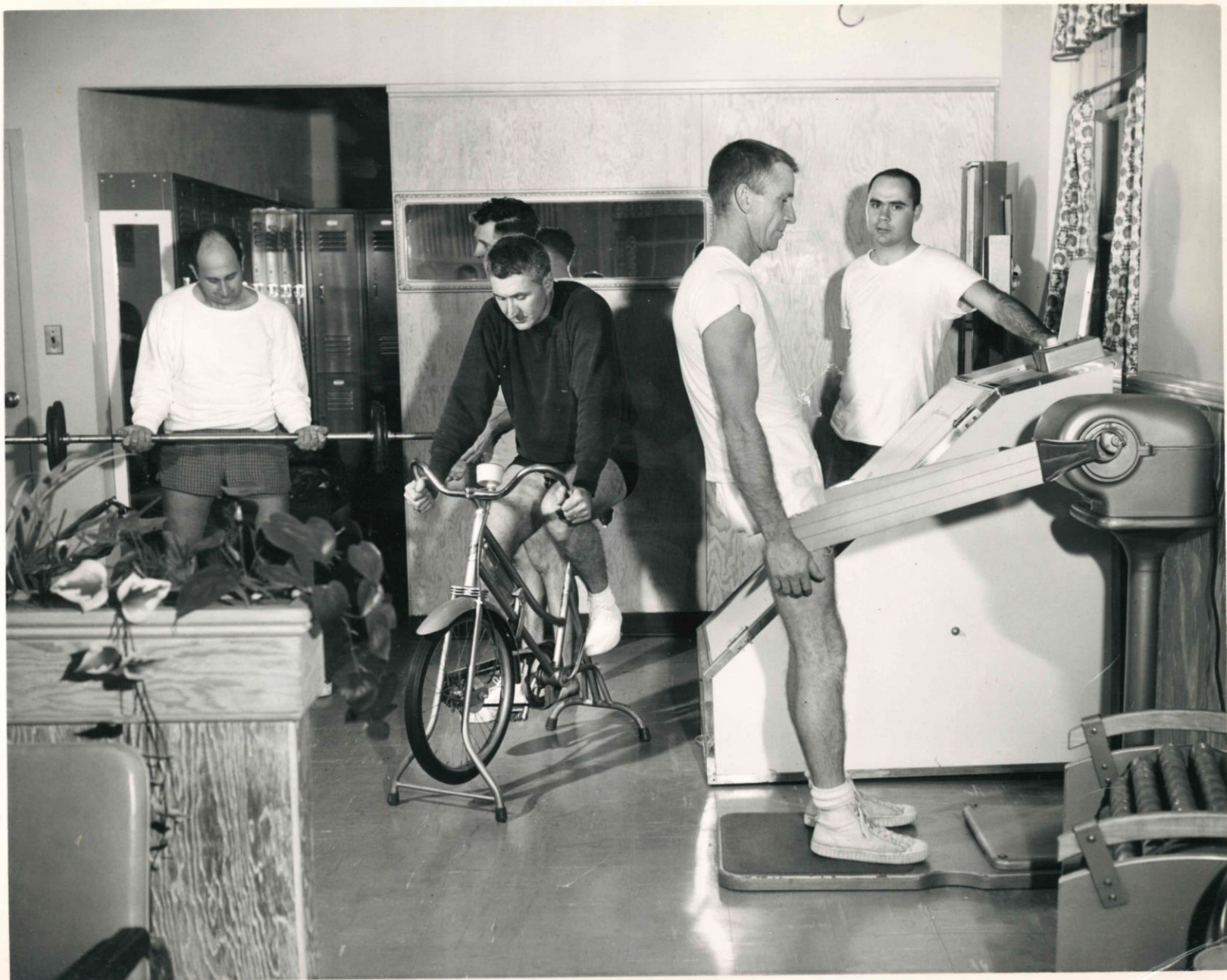
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*Educator, Former Metuchen High
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Vice Principal, St. Rose High School





Peter J. Barnes Jr. Community Champion Award

Mayor Brian C. Wahler

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Malinowski Award Winners

The Malinowski Rising Star Award is presented to outstanding youth employees of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy, and now Piscataway. Meet our 2022 Stars!



Jennifer Cruz
Child Care Branch



Alyssa Waldron
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Brandon Wizda
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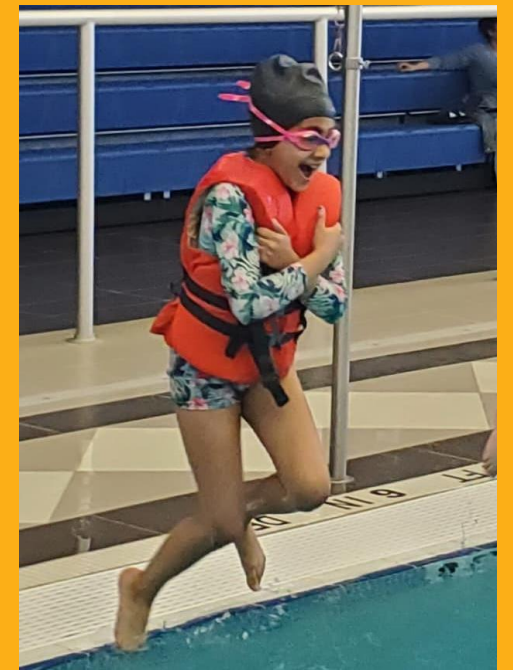


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