

**YMCA OF DARKE COUNTY**  
**THIRD ANNUAL SHARKS SWIM-A-THON FUNDRAISER**

GREENVILLE – The YMCA of Darke County Sharks Swim Team put in some extra laps to raise money for the team. Twenty-one swimmers participated and raised over \$1,330. The fundraiser is used to cover coaches' expenses and to help reach their goal of purchasing an automated timing system. All YMCAs use a timing system at their invitationals to provide accurate times for the swimmers. The swim team hopes to begin purchasing parts of the system this swim season. If you would like to contribute towards the purchase of this timing system please contact Susan Ahrens, Aquatics Director at the YMCA.

Our first place swim-a-thon winner was Cassidy Kaiser. Cassidy raised \$400 and received the grand prize of a DCY embroidered gym bag with her name also embroidered on it. A DCY Sharks duffel bag was also awarded to all swimmers who raised \$100 or more. Those who raised \$100 were Casey Puckett, Carter Puckett, Cassie Shellabarger, and Carla and Paul Smith.

To add a little excitement to the swim-a-thon, swimmers could also pledge a coach. For every dollar donated the coaches had to swim a lap. \$96 was collected and the coaches swam their 96 laps. Coaches include head coach, Scott Smith, and coaches Lauren Penrod, Andrea Townsend, and Shawn Agne. Shawn couldn't get enough and continued to swim 100 laps to keep the kids motivated. Way to go coaches!!

Others who contributed to the fundraiser were Rachel Subler, Hannah Cloyd, Ashlyn Cordonnier, Jose Badell, Mitchel Stover, Nicole Frantz, Isabella Gable, Jaclyn Kensinger, Sarah Green, Macayla Menoza, and Faith Wilker.

Thank you to everyone who swam, to everyone in the community and to the swim team who donated to our fundraiser.

The YMCA of Darke County is a non-profit membership association of over 5,800 members with facilities in Greenville and Versailles. The mission of the YMCA of Darke County is to develop the whole person – spirit, mind and body – through character development programs that reinforce Christian principles and that build strong kids, strong families and strong communities.