

Justin's Volunteer Story

At the Stanwood-Camano Y, Justin gives his time and heart to coaching youth sports. For him, volunteering isn't just about teaching the rules of a game. It's about helping kids discover what they're capable of when they work together, persevere, and play with purpose.

"I want to give kids a good experience with sports, so they continue to grow with the benefits sports provide," Justin says.

For Justin, community means people coming together to build something that lasts. He sees that every time his team gathers on the court or field, families cheering, teammates encouraging one another, and young players learning lessons that will stay with them long after the final whistle.

One moment that stands out to him came after a basketball game. A grandparent from the opposing team approached him, thanking him for his positive leadership. "She said I resembled leadership she wished she could see more of," Justin recalls. "I was proud of the setting I helped create, and that woman's words helped validate what I believed true: that love wins, no matter what the scoreboard says."

Thanks to volunteers like Justin, we're reminded that every small act builds a stronger, kinder community where everyone belongs and has a chance to grow.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at the Y, visit ymca-snoco.org/volunteer.