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Chelsey Hoffman – December 2011



“With hard work and commitment, anything is possible when you put your mind to it.”

Parenting alone is scary, overwhelming, and unpredictable. Twenty two year old Chelsey Hoffman is among 9 million American women who are single moms either by choice or circumstance. She is the loving mother of 4 year old son Jayden and 2 year old daughter Audrianna.

As a member for the past 8 years and Y Childcare staff for the recent 3, she makes the Y a significant part of her life, “My job as a childcare assistant is flexible with my school schedule. I feel comfortable leaving to go to class when the kids are in Y daycare. It’s nice to know that they are safe and close by.” In order for them to afford to stay involved, “The Y has helped with so many scholarships for childcare and programs like gymnastics, swimming, soccer, basketball, and baseball.” Chelsey explains, “Within two months of taking swim lessons, Jayden went from being afraid of the water to preparing to be a part of the swim team when he turns five.”

Despite a heartbreaking divorce last November, Chelsey found the courage to pick up the pieces and move forward, “I continued to go to college, work, and care for my kids.” The process forced her to strengthen her family, build character, and gain a clear perspective. With the help of the Y, she is able to raise children that are happy, healthy, smart and balanced, “The Y has been there since day one, I am so grateful.”