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Anna Shares Her Gifts and Blossoms

“Our daughter Anna has been volunteering for the Child Watch Program at the Riverfront YMCA. Anna has a learning disability, anxiety, and a disorder called Apraxia that effects her motor planning,” said Lisa Foss. “Despite her disabilities, the Lord has gifted her with a joyful spirit and a love for children,” said Lisa Foss.

“Over the course of her volunteer experience at the Riverfront YMCA, Anna’s self-confidence has increased and she has learned valuable job and social skills,” Lisa continued. “The loving and professional staff at the Y have fostered this growth in Anna and provided her with a safe environment in which to blossom.”

Anna is approaching 18 and her future has been weighing heavily on the hearts of Lisa and her husband. They now feel much more optimistic about Anna’s future as a result of her experiences at the Y.

“Thank you so much for providing our Anna with the opportunity to share her gifts!”

Like Anna, Akron Area YMCA survey respondents reported the following **benefits**:

- 92%** become more confident.
- 97%** feel positive about their future.
- 99%** connect with supportive, caring adults.

