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STORYTELLER

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I have been swimming since I was a little kid. I was always in the water whether it was swim lessons or swimming for fun. I took swim lessons through the YMCA and once I finished all of the lessons I joined the summer swim team at Sheridan Swim Club.

At first I just tried it for the summer and loved it, so I joined the swimming team. While there I had gone through at least 4 different swimming coaches which was hard to deal with. We finally had a coach that stuck around for more than six months, but things started to go down hill for me. This is also when the YMCA started a team again.

Practices were getting very boring and I wasn't getting very much out of them. Whenever we attended meets, I wouldn't do as well as I had been, and most of my friends were leaving to join the Y team. A short time after all of my friends had left I became super unmotivated and started skipping practice because I just didn't want to go. There came a point in time where all I wanted to do was quit swimming.

Three years ago my parents, sister, and I made the decision to switch over to the YMCA team and I am very glad I switched. Since then I have seen myself grow so much as a swimmer. I have been on the state team twice now, I have medaled in more events than I ever thought I would, and I will be the first dolphin to graduate and swim in college. Looking back at the time that I almost quit I am very glad I didn't because my swimming has really changed, and its changed in a good way.



Thank you Hannah for being a **STORYTELLER for the YMCA!**