



## A YOUNG BOY THRIVES

### IMPACT STORY

The YMCA of Central Massachusetts is known for meeting the challenges of children who need extra support to succeed. Such was the case with “Ben,” a young boy who came to them last year after other childcare centers were unable to work with him.

YMCA staff took the time to learn about the boy’s needs and triggers, and they found that he responded positively to hugs, calm tones and gentle reminders of the rules. Thanks to the staff’s compassion, Ben is now thriving

and enjoys learning and playing with his peers.

**The YMCA of Central Massachusetts (Montachusett Community Branch) was there for Ben with help from the United Way of North Central Massachusetts.**

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