The McGaw YMCA has a long-standing policy that no one is turned away from our Y due to the inability to afford membership fees. Our fee assistance program, however, goes far beyond memberships. We offer scholarships to reduce tuition and fees on youth sports, swim lessons, day and residential camp, child care, fee-based after-school programs, and rental assistance for the Men’s Residence program.

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