Janelle has 3 children who all attend Evergreen Elementary and use both our Before and After School care services. Their family also participates in the YMCA school’s out days, which provides care for kids when school is not in session. Janelle’s children are Elijah, Ace, and Amiyah.

In speaking with the family, they have enjoyed many aspects of our program, but most notably it’s the kids’ ability to make friends outside of their classroom, and their increased social abilities. All three kids have been able to meet friends from around their school and community, which is an integral part of the SACC and YMCA mission: to bring families together around youth development.

The family has also enjoyed the connections the kids have made with their YMCA teachers. Each kid was able to speak highly of their YMCA teachers and the relationships they have developed. It’s important for kids to have role models outside of the house and the Y does a great job recruiting staff who can develop healthy relationships with the kids in their programs.

Janelle is forever grateful for the YMCA SACC program and its influence on the lives of her children, and the Y’s ability to help her family continue to lead happy, healthy lives.