



## Golden Corridor Family YMCA

# Joseph Russell



## Chief Operations Officer

I was hired in January of 2013, and you can say that I came to the Y for work and stayed for something else. I had always worked with for-profit organizations, and I thought I knew what giving back was. I was sadly mistaken because giving back is with no expectation of anything in return. But working at the Y has benefited me personally by allowing me to help make a difference in the community. It has helped my family tremendously by giving my children education in teamwork and self-esteem. I'm a parent and the Y gives every child in my home summer camp, daycare, and swim lessons. The Y not only helps the community but the employees' lives as well.

Through all these years with the Y, first as a Branch Manager, then as an Executive Director, I've had the opportunity to give back to the community and families some of the support and encouragement that the Y, gave me and keeps giving me. Now as a Chief Operations Officer, I will make it my mission to give back and pay forward every day, helping improve the lives of the community, members, and employees.