LEARNING LEADERSHIP

Soham, 12, has a passion for basketball and knows a lot about it. Josh Humbel, Director of the Y’s Teen After School Program (TASP), where Soham spends his afternoons, wanted to help this young man find a meaningful way to put his enthusiasm and knowledge to use. He contacted his colleagues in the Youth Sports Department to see if Soham could become involved in the basketball program in a way that would be comfortable and interesting to him.

Y staff were able to develop and create a new opportunity for Soham and he is now an enthusiastic Junior Referee for the Girls Basketball League (K-3) and the co-ed Kindergarten League. Soham has become more active and his leadership skills have blossomed. He has learned that, even though he is a young person, his volunteer contributions are valued and personally rewarding.

That’s what happens at the Y: caring adults help kids reach their fullest potential and create community. We grow strong kids.