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Stories from the *VILLAGE* at the *WATER*



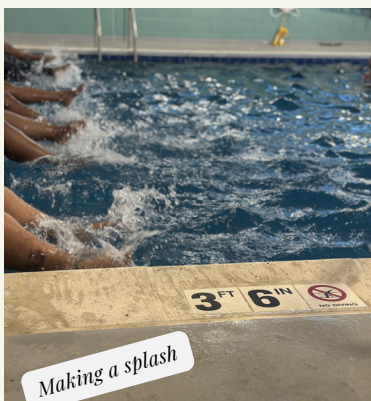
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*A VILLAGE
BEGINS AT
THE
WATER*



**SAFE POOLS
STRONGER
FAMILIES**



Participants begin with foundational swimming skills before entering a **stroke-refinement curriculum**.

From there, they continue learning all six competitive strokes while preparing for the path toward becoming certified Water Safety Instructors.

Every graduate becomes another capable guardian for Philadelphia's children.

Why We Gather

Philadelphia's public pools are more than recreational spaces, they are gathering places where trust is rebuilt, futures are shaped, and families become stronger.

The **Village at the Water Initiative** reclaims neighborhood pools as **Safe Havens** where parents come together through water safety, leadership, community.

*FROM
PARENT
To Protector*



When one parent learns to swim, an entire family becomes safer.

When many parents learn together,

A Village is born.

*EVERY LESSON CREATES
CONFIDENCE.*

*EVERY STROKE CREATES
OPPORTUNITY.*

*EVERY PARENT CREATES
ANOTHER PROTECTOR.*