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## Parent Spotlight

### Marie-Luise Faber William Penn Chapter

Our Scholars' parents greatly contribute to the success of YMWIC. Our featured parent this month is Marie-Luise Faber of our William Penn Chapter which they joined in the 2020-2021 program year. Marie says, "We started with YMWIC during the pandemic while the students were learning from home and needed something more in the way of engaging education. My daughter stuck with the organization because it provides lots of hands-on workshops on various STEM topics that she loves. She gets a lot out of the workshops and interacting with like-minded peers. She also loves the different professional instructors the lead the workshops."



Marie-Luise has observed that her daughter Sophie has become more assertive about herself and when sharing with others. She says that Sophie likes science the most and that being able to explore many different types of science she is able to have hands-on experiences at the YMWIC workshops, and this has helped her to expand her knowledge of what science fields she may be interested to pursue in the future. Marie-Luise herself especially likes the like the opportunities provided to the Scholars, which often push them beyond their limits, such as the science fair presentation. She loves that they get to meet professionals, talk to them, and ask them questions.

To other families who are considering YMWIC, Marie-Luise says, "The YMWIC offers an amazing amount for its small annual fee. While the organization is focused on STEM, all students benefit from exploring the world around them and learning more about themselves to find their future. I hope more scholars have the opportunity to participate in the YMWIC." In reference to her volunteer services with the Foundation, she says, "I think volunteer activities are so important in everyone's life because they force us to step outside of our own bubbles and experience the world through someone else's needs and challenges. I like seeing the Scholars work hard at an activity and accomplish something together." "Recently we sorted huge piles of cloths, so many we didn't know where to begin. Parents and Scholars alike jumped in and after 1 ½ hours we had lots of space and could see the floor again, and clothes were folded and sorted."