

community report



be the change.

It's your support that changes lives, inspires others and creates a community of compassion. Because of you, YWCA Clark County is able to continue serving those families and individuals facing difficult and traumatic circumstances. From all of us at YWCA, thank you for being the change.

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is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

from our board



Sherri Bennett and Kelly Walsh

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Dear YWCA Supporters:

As the saying goes, the only thing constant in life is change. Nobody knows this better than YWCA Clark County. When the economic realities of 2011 created new challenges, our board, staff, volunteers and supporters continued to change the lives of those in crisis every day.

The economy has caused many nonprofits to reevaluate their services with an eye toward greater sustainability in the face of lower revenues. At YWCA, we are wrestling with issues that we have never had to wrestle with before. Under the threat of looming state and federal funding cuts, YWCA board and staff focused on making the very best use of the dollars that are available to us. For example, a year ago, reduced funding required us to close the YWCA community office on Fridays. This decision, while difficult, allowed us to avoid large-scale staff and service reductions.

The uncertainty of government funding, particularly during the past six months, has made YWCA a leaner, meaner, and stronger organization. The staff is dedicated to doing what is right, and they continue to put in the time and effort necessary to support our community. This year, our direct service staff worked with more than 11,800 individuals struggling with domestic violence, homelessness, sexual assault, child abuse and neglect, and oppression, as well as youth in foster care and incarcerated women. And the demand for services continues to grow.

One of the things that I find most inspiring is the generosity of our donors and supporters. While our state and federal funding was jeopardized, our dedicated community stepped up to help fill the void. Every dollar donated has been especially meaningful this year. On behalf of the board of directors, I cannot thank you enough for your continued generosity. YWCA Clark County would not be the outstanding organization that it is without each and every one of you.

The coming year promises to bring even more challenges to YWCA and to our community. But as we have in 2011, we will continue to diligently work toward creating a foundation for positive growth and change. As we gear up for a dynamic new year, we ask you to join us:

be the change.

Sincerely,

Kelly Walsh, President

be the change

Rachel Collins is the change

Rachel Collins moved to Vancouver in 2010 and in this short time, she's become invaluable to the community. Collins spends her personal, professional and volunteer time creating change in the lives of Clark County's most vulnerable citizens. Chair of the Parent Policy Council for Head Start/EECAP of Clark County, donor relationship steward for Second Step Housing, and volunteer at YWCA Clark County, Collins is an integral part of the social services community of Clark County. Once a victim of domestic violence, she feels it's only natural to give back to the community that helped her achieve a better life for herself and her children.

The challenges that Collins faced are not uncommon for women and children in violent relationships. She fell in love with a man with whom she thought she'd spend the rest of her life. She quit her job to be a stay at home mom, while he continued working to provide financially for the family. It quickly became evident that things were not right. He began abusing her physically and mentally on a regular basis. She wanted desperately to leave, but without a dollar to her name and the looming threat of a raging partner, she feared for her life and for the lives of her children.

Rachel sought help while living with her abuser in California, but had little success. The abuse was draining, and she needed to think things through. Rachel left town to stay with family members in Clark County. During this time, she found solace in Vancouver through her family and a community who welcomed her. She made the decision to move here permanently.

It was important to Rachel to begin working right away so that she could support her 5 children independently of her abuser. However, without any savings she had no means of funding the costs of day care for her four children, ages 1, 2, 3 and 4. An "angel-friend" of hers told her about Y's Care and their unique ability to provide education, nutrition and care to children and families in low or no income situations. Y's Care partners with Working Connections Child Care to help families with low incomes pay for child care while they work or meet WorkFirst participation requirements such



as actively applying for work. It was this relationship that made it possible for Rachel to seek work and become employed at Second Step Housing.

Rachel did not have the luxury of scouting out the ideal place to live. She had to move immediately and without savings to protect herself and her children. YWCA Clark County and the entire community is fortunate that she found herself here.

Aside from her great work with Head Start and Second Step, Rachel is also a champion advocate for YWCA Clark County. This year, she shared her story with legislators to lobby for programs that support women and children fleeing violence. She also volunteered to share her personal story of survival with attendees at the Classic Wines Auction, our largest fundraising event. Her story of victim to survivor to advocate represents the epitome of how any one person can be the change.

the spirit of philanthropy

mary powell society

from
humble
beginnings
to legacy

YWCA Clark County welcomes everyone to consider leaving a legacy by becoming a member of the Mary Powell Society. YWCA's Mary Powell Society, founded in 1998, honors individuals who choose to make a dramatic impact on the sustainability of YWCA by including us in their planned giving efforts (bequests, charitable gift annuities, and various charitable trusts). These individuals are following in the footsteps of the society's namesake, Mary Powell – the woman whose estate gift of \$1,086,000 launched YWCA's endowment fund.

history of mary powell

Mary Cunningham married Perry Powell in the early 1900s. Perry Powell, widowed, brought a 2-year old daughter, Hazel Powell, to their family. Mary and Perry had no children of their own.

The Powell family came to Washington State over the Oregon Trail and settled in Woodland in the fall of 1852. Perry started his working life as a teacher and then moved on to investing in real estate and purchasing stock. He died in 1941, leaving a large estate to his wife, Mary.

Mary died in 1947 leaving her estate to her descendants and four service organizations. Her will was crafted such that the organizations would receive a quarter of her estate when her last remaining heir passed away. That heir was Hazel Powell who died in November 1986.

Originally, the estate was worth nearly \$224,000. Over the years the estate grew and in 1987 YWCA Clark County received \$1,086,000. This was a welcomed surprise!

Though few details of Mary Powell's life are known to us, we have been able to understand her true spirit of philanthropy through the words of someone who knew her personally, Mr. Melvin Kern.



Personally speaking, it is impossible for me to express in words my gratitude to Mrs. Powell. She literally changed the course of my life by helping me attend college.

Melvin Kern
friend of Mary Powell

"She was the kind of person who liked things to be neat and in their place; however, she was never demanding or fussy, but just practical. I had the feeling that she knew who she was and thus never needed to put on a show or airs for anyone."

"Being a very generous person she often gave some very nice birthday and Christmas presents to those she employed. Hired as her lawn boy, I shall never forget the first Christmas that followed. One day she had approached me in the yard and asked if I were saving either the 10¢ or 25¢ US Savings Bond Stamps that were then being sold by our government. Not having the faintest clue that she was thinking of giving me some for a Christmas present I very naively replied that I didn't bother with the stamps but just waited until I had enough saved to buy the \$18.75 bonds. Under our Christmas tree that year I found a card from Mrs. Powell with an \$18.75 bond enclosed for me."

Four years later, during which he continued to mow Mary's lawn, Melvin became a senior in high school. He received a letter from the president of Cascade College in Portland indicating that Mary Powell had made a donation to the college intended to cover his first two years of school should he intend to go. Later that same year, Mary Powell passed away.

Melvin did attend college and gratefully remarked, "Personally speaking, it is impossible for me to express in words my gratitude to Mrs. Powell. She literally changed the course of my life by helping me attend college."

–From a letter submitted in 1993 by Melvin Kern

the mary powell society emerges

Although not required to do so by the terms of Mary Powell's will, YWCA Board of Directors made the decision to invest the majority of Mary Powell's gift into an endowment fund.

Since 1998, others have generously donated to help grow this important endowment by including YWCA Clark County in their estate plans. These individuals can choose to be members of the Mary Powell Society, which is our way of giving special recognition for these thoughtful gifts.

learn more

For more information on how your gifts contribute to our community in significant ways, or to find out how you can be recognized as a member of the Mary Powell Society, contact our Director of Development at 360 696 0167.



YWCA provides services, support and strength to many who find themselves without a place to call home. Your support is the only way to stabilize program longevity and staff cultivation through financing that is not found elsewhere. Your gift provides the assurance that our endowment will grow so that our critical services may continue.

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programs and services

YWCA Clark County programs and services are focused on providing critical resources and assistance to community members in need and fostering our mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace justice, freedom and dignity for all. Each program cultivates this shared mission through strategic application of their services and support. Our core values of empowerment, diversity, teamwork, commitment, service and respect provide guiding themes that support our mission within our programs and our community.

800 children represented

The **Clark County CASA Program** is a national program administered through YWCA Clark County. **Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs)** are trained volunteers who speak up for children who become custody of the court due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

149 foster youth served

By providing education, resources, and one-on-one coaching, the **Independent Living Skills (ILS) Program** assists youth and young adults in defining and achieving their goals while successfully transitioning from state-supported care to independent living within our community.



1,361 contacts with incarcerated women

Every week, volunteers from the **Women Offenders' Rehabilitation Training and Help (WORTH) Program** visit the Clark County Jail and the Clark County Work Center to provide workshops, community resources, referrals, encouragement and support to incarcerated men and women.

72 children served

Children ages 2½ to 5 are welcome in our **Y's Care Children's Program** which provides a nurturing environment and high-quality preschool education to low income, transitioning, or homeless families year-round.



In partnership we have helped our most vulnerable and underserved survivors and victims of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault. We should never underestimate the impact that we can have on an individual person or an entire community. YWCA is an example of the impact that advocacy has by changing the lives of the victims and survivors in need. YWCA Clark County is a true partner to the community they serve.

Sergeant Mike Davis
Vancouver Police Department



programs and services

910 people reached through eliminating racism workshops

With the unwavering support of volunteers, the **Social Change Program** is able to advance our mission of eliminating racism in the community through workshops and open dialog at area schools, organizations and businesses.

1,627 new individuals supported

In addition to new individuals served, the **Sexual Assault Program** answered 4,691 calls to the 24-hour anonymous hotline to provide legal, medical, and emotional support to primary and secondary victims of sexual assault. Staff dedicated a total of 9,151 hours of service to participants through various advocacy, therapy and support groups.

1,116 new individuals supported

The **SafeChoice Domestic Violence Program** fielded 17,054 hotline calls, provided 8,389 bednights at the shelter, and 10,520 hours of advocacy, education and support to existing and new individuals affected by domestic violence. We collaborate with community partners to present the most helpful resources, information, and education about domestic violence to a wide-reaching audience.

5,787 individuals reached through prevention and education presentations

YWCA values preventative education and works with area businesses, schools and organizations to provide violence prevention and education presentations. Collectively, the **Sexual Assault Program and SafeChoice Domestic Violence Program** reached 3,451 youth, 486 college aged and 1,850 mixed age community members with presentations that cover violence in the community, healthy relationships, recognizing warning signs and understanding how to help break the cycle of violence.

570 volunteers

The success of these programs is largely attributed to the dedication and service of our 570 volunteers. Last year, 45,179 hours of volunteer time was given to YWCA Clark County. Washington State has a system for calculating the value of the volunteer hour, giving a total estimated monetary value of \$984,450. On behalf of the community, we would like to thank our current and past volunteers for being the change in Clark County.



When I was sexually assaulted, I not only had to deal with the trauma of the assault, I also had to recognize that I was no longer safe in my world. The services offered by YWCA Clark County helped me work through all those issues.

Christine
adult sexual assault survivor



planned giving

ensuring the future of YWCA

YWCA Clark County is ready and able to help our supporters fulfill their philanthropic wish of sustaining our mission of empowering women and eliminating racism. If you want to ensure services that improve our community for the next 100 years, then YWCA Clark County is an ideal choice.

You can support YWCA and its important programs with a generous donation of any size to the endowment, a program-specific gift, or other planned giving options. Every dollar of your charitable gift reduces our reliance on government fundraising and events to support our critical programs and secures services for our community now and in the future.

Our endowment is designed to produce income that is part of the ongoing operations budget of YWCA Clark County. Ultimately, the goal is to grow the endowment to a size that will generate funds to sustain the organization long term. Ideally, day-to-day operations should not hinge on the next donation. It is through a steady stream of planned gifts that build the endowment which will stabilize the organization, particularly during rough economic times.

where to start

There are several giving options that can maximize your gift, meet your individual needs, and provide a lasting legacy to YWCA. Your generous gift can benefit others, and benefit you, too. We can assist you by connecting you with advisors to create a planned gift that works for your individual situation.

Individual, committed giving can take many forms. For instance, you may choose to:

- Name YWCA as a beneficiary in your will or living trust.
- Name YWCA as a beneficiary on your life insurance policy or retirement account.
- Donate your vacation, rental property, or residence directly to YWCA – and continue to live in it.
- Establish a charitable gift annuity or charitable trust.
- Contribute to a YWCA endowment fund in your name or to honor another.

bequests

You can give to YWCA through your will or revocable living trust as a percentage of the total estate, a specific dollar amount, a gift of a specific asset, or a residuary gift. Your estate is entitled to a charitable deduction for estate tax purposes.

beneficiary designations

You can name YWCA Clark County as the beneficiary of your retirement plan or tax-deferred annuity, which will pass to YWCA free of income tax. Your estate is also entitled to a charitable deduction for estate tax purposes.

life estate

You can donate your residence to YWCA Clark County and retain the right to reside on your property during your lifetime which can result in an income tax deduction to you.

life insurance

You can designate YWCA Clark County as a full or partial beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy, or establish a new policy naming YWCA as beneficiary which can provide readily available cash to the organization without probate and provide a charitable tax deduction for you.

income gifts

You can make a significant gift to YWCA and help improve your own financial situation. Your gift may provide income to you for a period of time, or may allow a current income tax deduction, avoid capital gains and reduce possible estate taxes.

Charitable gift annuities or charitable lead trusts can help you improve your financial situation while you contribute to building a stronger community.

Every contribution directly to the endowment fund is set aside and kept separate from operating and capital funds. Our managers invest the principal of the endowment—always careful to ensure enough income to meet the payout requirements of the fund. Your giving to YWCA Clark County leaves a legacy of hope for others in our community.

inspirational women

Our giving levels are named for a group of amazing and historic women from the area. These are just a few of the women who've inspired us.

Esther Short (1806-1862)

Mother of eight (or ten), and wife of Amos, Esther was a woman who stood her ground. Amos laid claim to a large part of land north of present day Fort Vancouver. The Shorts experienced numerous property conflicts with the British at Hudson's Bay. Despite intense efforts to rid the family, they remained standing. Esther helped build Vancouver, and later donated all the land to the City. A likeness of her stands at Esther Short Park, and is pictured below.

Ilchee "Moon Woman" (1800-?)

With the power of a Shaman and the skills of a chief, Ilchee was the favorite daughter of Chinook Chief Comcomly. When a Scotsman from the Astor Fur Trading Company asked for her hand, Comcomly conceded, but not without a substantial dowry. As a result, relations between the groups improved. When the Scotsman returned to Europe, Ilchee married Casino, a Chief in the Vancouver area. Later, he threatened to kill her, but she survived and returned to her Chinook tribe. A likeness of her can be found along the waterfront renaissance trail.



Mother Joseph (1823-1902)

At age 33, Mother Joseph was selected to lead a group of missionaries into the northwest from Canada. During her time here, she was responsible for the creation of eleven hospitals, seven academies, five schools, and two orphanages. She designed some of the buildings, raised money for their implementation, and supervised construction. In Vancouver, her legacy lives on in The Academy and at PeaceHealth Southwest Washington Medical Center.

Sarah Winnemucca (1844-1891)

Daughter of Paiute Indian chiefs, Sarah was later named chief in her own right. Sarah spent her adult years calling public attention to the treatment of Indians under US government policies, and lobbying Congress to improve conditions on the reservation they were forced to occupy. She wrote extensively and traveled, lecturing on the difficult situation facing the Indian nations. As a result, Congress approved a grant of land in Nevada for Indian use.

Louisa Wright (1862-1913)

Louisa was the first female doctor in Clark County, and the first doctor to have a medical degree and license to practice. She graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1885. Louisa rose above the stereotypical definitions of her time, and was able to get involved in the community in a way that no other woman had done before. Her story was and is an inspiration to young females eager to rise above societal expectations.

Ella Wintler (1885-1975)

A native to Vancouver, Ella was known as a dedicated and outspoken woman. She graduated from the University of Washington



YWCA has developed

an energetic and talented leadership cadre. Their mission is clear and known to their board and staff. Their actions manifest in service to the community and the elimination of all forms of racism.

Earl Ford

Past President, NAACP Vancouver

in 1910 and taught at a number of area schools until 1950. In 1938, she was elected to the House of Representatives where she served off and on for 20 years. She received honors from Presidents Eisenhower and Nixon, and Albert Rossellini, Governor of Washington.

Eva Santee (1897-1979)

Eva was hired as a librarian at the Camas Library in 1932, and at Vancouver Public Library in 1940. She initiated the bookmobile service, which continues to provide library services for rural areas of Clark County. She was instrumental in founding the Fort Vancouver Regional Library System, and in 1945 became the first woman to be named First Citizen by the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington. Eva was active in numerous local organizations and her dedication is still evident in the community.

Gretchen Fraser (1919-1994)

This Washingtonian earned numerous ski awards. During WWII, she made military training films and helped rehabilitate wounded and disabled veterans through skiing. She won silver and gold medals at the 1948 Olympics, becoming the first American ever to win a gold medal for skiing. Fraser continued her work with disabled skiers. She's a role model for aspiring female skiers and service oriented athletes.

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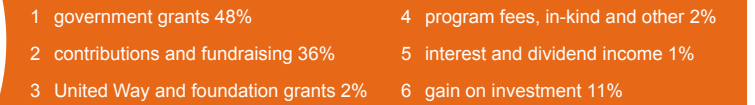
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2010-2011 financial statement

program expenses



total revenues by source



condensed statement of financial position (unaudited)*

assets	
current assets, cash and receivables	\$605,870
net property and equipment, at cost	1,839,839
investments and other assets	3,601,620
total assets	\$6,047,329
liabilities	
current payables and liabilities	\$248,754
unearned revenues	76,849
long-term liabilities	8,570
total liabilities	\$334,173
net assets	
unrestricted - available for operations	\$1,730,726
unrestricted - board designated	2,360,042
permanently and temporarily restricted	1,622,388
total net assets	\$5,713,156
total liabilities and net assets	\$6,047,329

operating revenues and support

government grants	\$2,042,606
contributions and fundraising	724,277
sponsorships	33,751
United Way and foundation grants	84,002
program fees, in-kind and other	84,798
interest and dividend income	37,306
total revenues and support	\$2,972,989

operating expenses

program expenses	\$2,314,885
fundraising	287,211
management and general	633,340
total expenses	\$3,235,436

operating gain (loss)	(\$262,447)
transfer of restricted contributions	106,484
change in operating funds	(\$155,963)

board-designated funds

contributions	\$648,184
investment income	265,535
transfer of restricted contributions	0
change in board-designated funds	\$913,719

restricted funds

contributions	\$151,659
United Way and foundation grants	24,572
investment income	200,628
transfer of restricted contributions	(106,484)
change in restricted funds	\$270,375

change in total net assets \$1,028,131

net assets, July 1, 2010	\$4,685,025
change in net assets	1,028,131
net assets, June 30, 2011	\$5,713,156

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