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YWCA of SCHENECTADY

2007 annual report

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serving our community
since 1888

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Our Mission:

The Young Women's Christian Association of the United States of America is a Women's membership movement nourished by its roots in the Christian faith and sustained by the richness of many beliefs and values. Strengthened by diversity, the Association draws together members who strive to create opportunities for women's growth, leadership and power in order to attain a common vision:

Peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people.

One Imperative:

To thrust our collective power toward the elimination of racism wherever it exists and by any mean necessary.

strengthening
our families,

strengthening
our communities

president & executive director message

The YWCA of Schenectady is a strong & vital organization founded to provide women & their families a place of peace, justice, freedom & dignity. All of the YW's partners (members, volunteers, staff & collaborators) work diligently to fulfill the mission of the YWCA: ***the elimination of racism and the empowerment of women.***

For the past 119 years, the YWCA has been a constant innovator in providing programs & services to meet the changing needs of women & their families in the Schenectady community. In 2007, this tradition continued as the YW served thousands of women & their families through various programs.

Throughout the year, we challenged people to take a stand against violence, appreciate diversity & celebrate unity. To meet this challenge, the YWCA was a sponsor of Sch'dy County Embraces Diversity (SCED) & the Martin Luther King Celebration, and hosted the 15th Annual Black History Month & Unsung Heroine Awards Celebration, the Clothesline Project, Week Without Violence Activities, the Pillowcase Project, Festival of Trees and the Women of Achievement Dinner.

Financial support is a direct measure of the community's recognition of the YWCA's accomplishments through programs & services. We thank contributors in the community, our membership & the following: City of Sch'dy; Sch'dy County; New York State; the Federal Government; Chamber of Sch'dy County; CDPHP; Daily Gazette; Felthousen's Florist & Greenhouse; General Electric; Glen Sanders Mansion; Key Bank; Kiwanis Club; Nationalgrid; Rotary Club of Sch'dy; Rotary Club of Sch'dy Foundation; Seagroatt Floral Company, Inc.; Stewart's Shops, Sch'dy County Prevention Partnership; the Sch'dy Rotary Club; Susan G. Komen Fund; Vincy's Printing; United Way; and various local, national trusts & foundations for their tremendous support in 2007.

We especially thank our incredible volunteers for their commitment & dedication to the YWCA. We are proud to have served over 10,000 women & their families in 2007!

~Shirley Readdean & Rowie Taylor

history

The YWCA of Schenectady has a long and proud history. Since 1888, the YWCA of Schenectady has assumed leadership to initiate programs and services in an innovative manner to meet the ever-growing and changing needs in our community. The Board of Directors understands and encourages the YW's role as a movement for change that quickly reviews and responds to community situations as they arise. The YWCA of Schenectady diligently strives to offer programs and services that initiate action to bring about positive change.

The YWCA of Schenectady was established as a women's membership association and became one of the first nonprofit agencies to be incorporated in New York State in 1888. The YWCA of Schenectady is a Charter member of the YWCA of the USA (the oldest and largest women's membership organization in the world).



The original incorporation papers stated that the functions of the YWCA of Schenectady were: 1. housing; 2. education; and 3. health promotion services. In 1979, the incorporation papers were expanded to allow for a domestic violence shelter for women and children. In 1985, they were again expanded to allow for early childhood education (preschool/child care).

Throughout its 119 year history, the YWCA of Schenectady has offered valuable programs and activities for the benefit of women and their families in the Schenectady community. The YWCA of Schenectady has continued to successfully expand throughout the years in response to the changing and growing needs of the community.

2007 annual program report

services to women and families

- Provided 6,147 nights of shelter for 313 women & 204 children.
- Opened doors for housing to 105 new women.
- Advocacy & Counseling services provided to 3,347 women & children.
- Domestic Violence Education provided to 2,987 students in Sch'dy County schools.
- Provided 3,356 bus tokens to clients for transportation.



child care

- Educated and cared for 306 children.
- Opened a new "Waddler Room" at Washington Avenue.
- Graduated 30 children from Universal Pre-K to Kindergarten.
- Served 15,762 lunches to children.
- Hosted Thanksgiving Dinner for over 300 Children and parents.



innovative programs

- Wellness Center served 16,359 in 2007.
- Provide 2,280 swim lessons to children.
- Healthy Living Partnership provided 767 cancer screenings.
- Parents Anonymous® had 194 participants in group sessions.
- Project Independence developed employment skills for 67 Domestic Violence victims participants.



2007 highlights



Women of Achievement Winners: (front) Christine Horne, Dorothy Meyer & Deb Rittano, (back) Lisa Frisch, Karen Zalewski-Wildzunas & Laurie Reilly

Children's Center Graduates



New Front Steps:

Funded by Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation, William Gundry Broughton Charitable Private Foundation, Inc and an Anonymous donor.



YWCA friend Paul Tonko with Rowie Taylor (Executive Director) and Sara Erickson (Development & Communications Director)

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 is within
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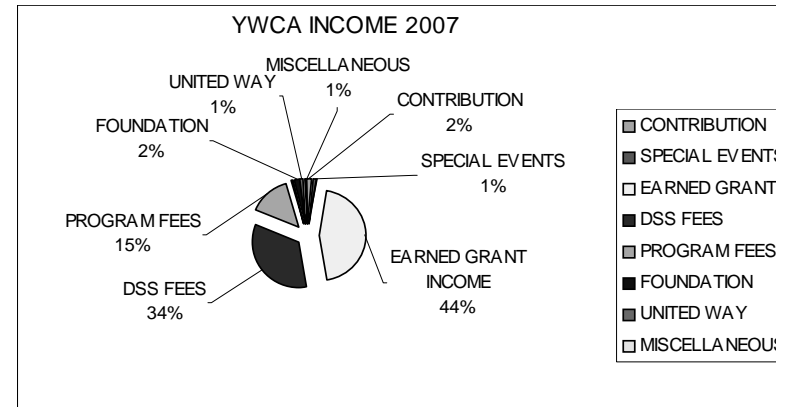
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