HISTORY
Founded in 1901, the original focus of the YWCA was ensuring the safety and opportunity of young women migrating to Portland from rural America. This was achieved by facilitating their access to safe housing, employment, and wholesome activities.

Today the YWCA’s focus remains on empowering women and their families to achieve safety, opportunity, and independence. We work to transform our community by providing life-changing services and advocating for social change.

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MISSION & PURPOSE

As a local affiliate of YWCA USA, the YWCA of Greater Portland is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

In service of our mission, we:

PROVIDE innovative programs that are person-centered
STRIVE to achieve the longest-term result possible with every dollar we spend
WORK to transform our community
“alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

HELEN KELLER
stronger together, for good!

One of our funders recently asked us why strong collaborations are important. Our answer, “Because that’s the YWCA way.”

The YWCA’s newly-transformed domestic violence program leverages the power of collaboration to better serve survivors escaping domestic violence. By working within Multnomah County’s public housing system, we help ensure survivors stay safe and don’t become homeless on top of everything else.

Our Social Change program wouldn’t be possible without the support of over 20 volunteer facilitators and community partners who lend their expertise to the benefit of our participants. Together, we prepare participants to interrupt and dismantle systemic oppression, including racism and sexism.

And the YWCA has even joined forces with Impact NW to strengthen our organizational infrastructure. Collaborating to create administrative efficiencies is part of the YWCA’s answer to the 21st Century’s message to nonprofits: “Do more with less.”

In 2013, the YWCA supported more than 5,800 people through our four program areas, continuing a legacy we began 112 years ago. And for the first time in a long while, we ended our financial year cash positive. These feats would not have been possible without our greatest partner, the Portland community. To our generous donors, invaluable volunteers, and dedicated staff: Thank you. I look forward to building our shared success in 2014.

Leslie Bevan
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
The YWCA Domestic Violence Program supported over 1,000 survivors of domestic violence to achieve safety, opportunity, and independence last year. From emergency shelter at Yolanda House, to our new non-residential initiative, The Yolanda Project, we focused on empowering survivors to regain control of their lives.

**LAST YEAR WE:**

**HOUSED** 50 women and 30 children at Yolanda House *(Beginning, March 2013, Yolanda House was leased to a YWCA partner agency and now serves as a transitional housing facility for survivors.)*

**PROVIDED** safety planning, information and referrals, and assistance obtaining protection orders to over 600 survivors of domestic violence

**SECURED** safe housing for 72 survivors and their families through landlord mediation, eviction prevention, and emergency relocation
The YWCA’s Social Change Program provided a theoretical and practical understanding of racism, sexism, and other forms of oppression—equipping participants with the knowledge and skills required to help build a more equitable world.

LAST YEAR WE:

PRESENTED 97 (combined) advocacy trainings and community workshops

CATALYZED 1,256 agents of social change through these interactive, 3-hour sessions

PARTNERED with 29 organizations to craft customized trainings on important topics like domestic violence in the workplace and dismantling racism
The YWCA Youth Services Program reached more than 1,200 youth and families through Camp Westwind.*

LAST YEAR WE:

**UNLOCKED** the door of opportunity for 147 youth by providing full and partial scholarships to Camp Westwind

**TRANSFORMED** the perspectives of 85% of our campers, who experienced an increase in their abilities to connect with peers of different backgrounds than their own

**DELIVERED** a one-of-a-kind camp experience to 1,046 youth campers

*To preserve and strengthen Camp Westwind, YWCA transferred its operation to the Westwind Stewardship Group in September 2013. The YWCA will remain involved with this beloved program by training Camp staff on issues of equity and inclusion, and fundraising for scholarships to help ensure that low-income youth can continue to experience the magic of Camp Westwind.
The YWCA Senior Services Program empowered low-income seniors and adults with disabilities to remain healthy, safe and independent at home.

**LAST YEAR WE:**

- **SUPPORTED** 351 seniors to live their lives to the fullest, on their own terms
- **CHALLENGED** 1,145 seniors to stay healthy and active through our health and wellbeing programs
- **CONNECTED** 1,052 seniors with vital information and support service
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The 21st Annual Inspire Luncheon, presented by Fred Meyer, was our most successful to date, raising $320,000 for YWCA programs. Over 800 guests were inspired by Professor Anita Hill, our keynote speaker.

Our sincere appreciation for the partnership of the sponsors, donors and volunteers who made this year’s luncheon a remarkable event.

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The YWCA is more than a team—we’re a community. Like caring neighbors, our volunteers provide us with their time, energy, and talents to ensure that our work is carried out. Our volunteers come from all walks of life and contribute in a variety of ways—from serving on our auxiliary boards to assisting at Social Change Program workshops—all in support of advancing the YWCA mission.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!

Last year, our volunteers contributed 7,452 hours of unpaid services, representing a cost savings of $163,944.
"individually, we are one drop. together, we are an ocean."
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