What a year it has been! This year, we continued to push ourselves as an agency to serve our clients and streamline program operations. We also reached an exciting point in our capital campaign as we are now only $1 million away from our project’s goal of $23 million. This project will provide much needed affordable housing for our clients and will complete our campus in downtown Tacoma. Soon, the chaos of construction will be our everyday joy as we witness this remarkable growth for the YWCA Pierce County. Upon completion, all our programs will be within a few steps of each other, making resources and support more accessible to clients as they heal from domestic violence. With an emphasis on beautiful environments, we look forward to sharing the space with you upon completion in early 2021. Come by any time to watch the project unfold.

In addition to the excitement this project brings us, we experienced additional organizational growth. This past year, we received funding to expand our prevention work, which has allowed us to grow our Healthy Love program. This program partners with local high schools and offers courses to students where they learn about setting boundaries within relationships and identifying teen dating violence behaviors. Our goal is to break the cycle of generational violence by educating, enlightening and empowering local teens as peer “healthy love” ambassadors in their schools.

Our success is directly tied to you, our donors. Thank you for believing in our work and for helping us change and save lives one client and one student at a time.

With gratitude,

Miriam Barnett
YWCA Pierce County CEO
2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR AT A GLANCE

9,792 people were served through the YWCA Pierce County’s programs in the 2018-2019 fiscal year. These programs include our 24-hour domestic violence hotline, emergency shelter, housing program, children and youth program, violence prevention program, community education program, counseling, support groups and legal services.

4,333 crisis calls were received that included requests for resources, safety planning and access to our emergency shelter.

The crisis hotline is also used by concerned family and friends who are seeking solutions for their loved ones. YWCA’s trained advocates counsel callers on safely taking next steps to end the cycle of violence.

246 adults & children were housed in the YWCA’s safe shelter. Families in our shelter can stay for up to 90 days and are provided with basic needs, support services and 24-hour advocacy provided by shelter staff.

2,792 clients were served through the YWCA’s Legal Services Program.

Our program can assist clients with protection orders, divorce, legal separation, paternity, parenting plans, contempt, modification, child support and immigration.

285 children participated in our Children and Youth Program, which provides:

- Basic family support services including respite care and tangible needs
- Family activities including programming for school-aged children, a preschool activity group and groups for infants and toddlers
- Therapeutic intervention provided by our staff therapist

228 clients participated in our weekly facilitated groups which are offered to shelter residents and community members.

Support groups occur at the same time as children’s groups to prevent childcare issues as a barrier to attendance.
2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR
AT A GLANCE continued

409 clients received phone or in-person advocacy with our Community Advocates, which included crisis intervention, safety planning and referral services.

29 clients received free legal representation via our staff attorney, totaling 2,288 hours of attorney service hours.

89 clients participated in our Housing Permanence Project, which is a long-term housing program in partnership with the Pierce County Housing Authority.

16 pets called the YWCA’s shelter home. YWCA is the only shelter in Pierce County, and one of very few across the country, that allows families to bring their pets with them.

We help families meet all the needs of their furry family members including: food, veterinarian care, grooming and pet deposits for families as they move into new homes, and more.

This year our counseling program was able to serve 20% more clients and increase overall availability to meet with clients. The program also expanded to welcome a Masters-level counseling intern.

69 students participated in our Healthy Love program at two Tacoma schools. The program is a 12-week course that focuses on building healthy relationships for young adults.
On July 20th, under perfectly blue skies, we had a ceremonial ground breaking for our affordable housing project.


We anticipate actually breaking ground in late 2019 and expect to open to families experiencing homelessness 14-16 months after construction begins.

For construction updates, visit www.homeatlastywca.org.
WE ❤️ OUR VOLUNTEERS!

245 individual volunteers

5,567 hours of volunteering and 25 special projects

Volunteers saved YWCA an estimated $176,585*

*This number is based off Independent Sector’s estimate of the average value of volunteer time. In 2018, Washington State’s average value of volunteer time, including fringe benefits, was $31.72.

HOLIDAY GIVING

This year we expanded our holiday meals to provide families with Christmas dinner in addition to Thanksgiving dinner. These ‘dinner boxes’ contained all the necessities for families to cook their own holiday meal, in the comfort of their home. Sharing meals as a family is an important practice for healing after trauma. These meals are only possible through our partnership with Feed253 and we are grateful for their support!

137 families received presents through YWCA’s Adopt A Family and Holiday Gift Center programs
Since 1994, the RAGS Guild has hosted the RAGS Wearable Art Sale & Show to benefit the lifesaving services of the YWCA. The 2019 RAGS Wearable Art Sale & Show raised $128,000 for YWCA Pierce County, the largest amount ever raised in a single year by the Guild. In the 25 years since the RAGS Guild was founded, they have raised over $1,873,000 for YWCA.

In 2018-2019, the 253 Club raised $26,486 and collected 662 in-kind donations for the YWCA.

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2018-2019
YWCA EVENTS

GLAM
This year’s Glam That Gives took guests to a retro resort at the McGavick Center and raised over $206,000

Our Annual Celebration Luncheon welcomed Stephanie Land, author of *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay and a Mother’s Will to Survive.* 550 YWCA supporters joined us to raise over $147,000.

DVAM
209 people attended events throughout Domestic Violence Action Month (DVAM) in October 2018. The YWCA hosted numerous events for DVAM, including a feminist comedy night, Hops for Hope happy hour to engage men in the conversation about domestic violence and Voices of Courage, which showcased true stories of domestic violence survivors.

EVERY DAY ACTION
Every day, the YWCA aims to empower survivors of domestic violence through our program services. We also aim to empower our community to take action against injustice. This year, we raised the call to our community to attend last minute protests in response to the #MeToo movement and the Kavanaugh Supreme Court appointment.
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For a complete list of our donors, please visit ywcapiercecounty.org/annual-report.

NUMBER OF DONORS: 831
NUMBER OF NEW DONORS: 216
MONTHLY DONORS: 195
DONORS WHO HAVE GIVEN FOR 10+ YEARS: 149
DONORS WHO HAVE GIVEN FOR 15+ YEARS: 72
DONORS WHO GAVE $1,000+: 90

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 2018-2019 DONORS - WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DO THIS WORK WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT

FUNDING SOURCES

GOVERNMENT GRANTS: $2,142,242
CONTRIBUTIONS: $399,311
PRIVATE GRANTS/CONTRACTS: $304,500
IN-KIND SUPPORT: $119,171
SPECIAL EVENTS: $272,178
BEQUESTS: $63,846
UNIVERSITY: $36,920
OTHER INCOME*: $133,321

*OTHER INCOME INCLUDES:
PROGRAM SERVICES FEES/SALES TO PUBLIC: $13,914
INVESTMENT INCOME: $119,407
TOTAL OTHER: $133,321

TOTAL REVENUE: $3,471,489
For more information about YWCA Pierce County please visit our website www.ywcapierrcecounty.org

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