

“Each time [one] stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.” —Robert F. Kennedy

Save the Date!

April 29, 2009

The YWCA's 17th
Annual Leadership Luncheon

Special Guest Speaker Catherine Ryan
Hyde author of the National Bestseller
Pay It Forward.

Join us for a inspirational celebration of
leaders in our community and 150 years
of Paying It Forward with the YWCA.

YWCA Board of Directors Executive Committee

The YWCA has a very dedicated and active board of directors with over 20 members. Listed below is our Executive Committee. Thank you to all board members for your generous commitment of time and energy. We couldn't do what we do without you!

Name	Position	Professional Affiliation
Jennifer Johnson	President	JMC Mortgage
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YWCA Executive Staff

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Welcome Eric Brown! New Leadership at the YWCA of Greater Portland.

The YWCA of Greater Portland is happy to introduce our new Executive Director, Eric Brown. Eric brings to our organization extraordinary experience, serving with the American Red Cross of the Pacific Northwest Blood Services for eight years, first as Chief Operating Officer and later as Chief Executive Officer where he managed a team of 700 employees, as well as a 55-million dollar budget. One of Eric's areas of expertise is team-building and collaboration, where his philosophy centers around well-defined



systems, individual empowerment, and building strong partnerships.

Eric has identified the following areas of focus for our organization:

- Developing a comprehensive plan to ensure strategic alignment across all programs.
- Improving staff support and morale.
- Improving internal operating systems and processes.
- Creating a centralized volunteer management program.
- Raising visibility of the YWCA through inter-agency and community collaboration.
- Improving long-term financial stability.

Your YWCA...Everywhere You Are

The YWCA has been a Portland institution since 1901. Today our main administrative center lies one block off of the Parks blocks, right behind the lovely new wing of the Portland Art Museum. But our programs are also throughout the metropolitan area. There is probably a YWCA services branch right in your neighborhood. The YWCA of Greater Portland provides one of the most comprehensive arrays of programs providing assistance for the needy in our community. Did you know that the YWCA:

- Administers the only federally-funded, gender-specific transitional program (housing, skills training, rental assistance) for women leaving incarceration, called Transitional Opportunities Project (TOP), in the country!
- Developed and runs the only tutoring and art therapy program for low-income children delivered at the sites where the children live in the Greater Portland Metropolitan area.

- Founded and runs Yolanda House, a refuge for women and families escaping domestic violence, in honor of YWCA employee, Yolanda Panek, who was murdered by her ex-partner.
- Recently piloted the first medication access program in providing free or low-cost medication to un- or under-insured clients.
- And yes, we do have a health and fitness center! Come check it out, we'd love to see you.

We serve families escaping the destructive grip of domestic violence, low income and homeless children faced with difficulties succeeding in the public school systems, and elderly adults seeking to remain in their homes as they struggle with waning strength or health issues. Our focus is empowering women, but the YWCA of today serves everyone in our community when we can.

Camp Westwind: 71 Summers on the Oregon Coast

Operating since 1936, Camp Westwind closed out this season having served 1130 happy Campers.



“Every year, he comes back full of confidence, mainly because his counselor is so wonderful, inclusive, and thoughtful with the kids!”



“My child returned from Camp Westwind with more compassion for those with observable challenges.”



“She really came home with a new friend—herself. Spending time away from her family really gave her the opportunity to explore her person. Also, having so many older mentors really helped.”

Our Partners

Any non-profit organization is only as successful as its ability to forge partnerships that provides it with the financial support to staff and effectively deliver programs. The YWCA of Greater Portland is extremely fortunate to have a history of loyal support from local and nationally-based private foundations who generously care about human services in our community. The YWCA sends out a hearty thank you to all our funding partners!

Effective July 1, 2008, we are proud to announce grants from the following foundations:

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Meyer Memorial Trust
The Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund

The Collins Foundation
Bank of America Foundation
Fred Meyer Foundation
The Robert D. and Marci H. Randall Charitable Trust
Juan Young Trust
Hopeline Foundation
Wessinger Foundation
Rotary Club of Portland
Lake Oswego Junior Women’s Club
June and Julian Foss Foundation

Please, We Need Your Help

Maybe you are just learning that the YWCA of Greater Portland boasts a rich history of providing human services in the Pacific Northwest. Maybe you’ve been one of our long-time supporters. In good times and bad, we’ve been here all along, serving those in our community who often have nowhere left to turn. The impact of the current economic climate is now beginning to take its toll on many fronts. Traditional funding sources have already been forced to cut back, yet requests for YWCA services increase every day.

**Today, more than ever before,
we need your help.**

Please use the enclosed envelope to return your gift—doing so will help us to shelter, teach, counsel, and provide necessary emergency services to over 36,000 needy individuals in our community.

Introducing Westwind in the City



Westwind in the City
Day Camp Manager
Janette Kunkel.

Continuing coastal Camp Westwind’s tradition of “creating an atmosphere that welcomes and embraces diversity and sustainability,” Westwind in the City is a new day camp offered by the YWCA of Greater Portland Camp Services Department. Westwind in the City will focus on a unique model of mobile camp activities that explore the nature and vibrancy of our great city.

The hub of Westwind in the City will be on the remodeled deck of our YWCA main downtown facility.

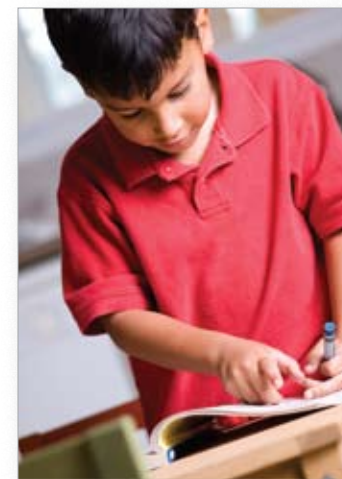
A few of the planned Day Camp sessions are:

- Around the World in 5 Days
- Abra-Kid-Dabra
- Frolic in the Fountains
- I Spy/Amazing Race
- Swamp Explorers: Mud-mucking and exploring through Portland’s variety of wetlands.

The Rotary Club of Portland has generously awarded the YWCA of Greater Portland the initial matching funds to develop our rooftop day camp space. Thank you!

For more information, please call Janette Kunkel at (503) 294-7460, or e-mail her at janettek@ywca-pdx.org

LearnLinks: Helping Children Learn at Home



LearnLinks provides low-income students with auxiliary after-school services, delivered at the sites where they live.

“Manuel” was a LearnLinks student, desperately needing help to keep afloat in school. His reading was well below grade level, and he had difficulty matching letters to sounds. Even the most basic words gave him trouble, and he found

himself unable to keep up with the rest of his class. Still, Manuel enjoyed being at school, maintaining a very positive attitude and always trying his best.

During an extended absence to visit family in Mexico, Manuel’s classmates learned to write cursively, and he fell still farther behind. Together with his LearnLinks tutor, Manuel worked hard, practicing his letters and noticeably improving. LearnLinks secured a scholarship for Manuel to participate in Study Dog, an extremely effective reading program. By the end of the year, his reading was almost up to grade level. He ended the year passing his grade level, and planning to continue with his homework club at Hillsdale Terrace!