

YWCA of Ulster County Annual Report Our Accomplishments in 2007

The YWCA Early Childhood Learning Center--served over 80 families from Ulster, Dutchess, and Greene counties. We have usually been at full capacity with our only openings being in the infant room. Our efforts this year were largely focused on getting ready for NAEYC accreditation. We held several staff trainings with grant money provided by the Dyson Foundation. Week of the Young Child Celebration events included a visit from the Spring Bunny, "Bee Bee" the clown, a car seat clinic, story time with Mayor Sottile, an art exhibit, and music with Marcene and Paul from Brookside School. The Center was awarded a grant from Assemblyman Cahill's office to purchase new play equipment as well as money from Stewart's Holiday Match. In September a group of volunteers from United Way added a privacy weave to our fence.

Universal Pre-K--we had a contract with Kingston Consolidated Schools to hold a morning session for 24 four-year olds.

Family Court Children's Centers--Centers at the Sullivan and Ulster Family Courts offered a fun, safe and loving environment for over 1,400 children between the ages of 6 weeks and 12 years while their caregivers were tending to court business.. In addition to paid personnel, the centers were staffed by seven volunteers.

Teen Parent Services--Over 127 teen clients were served in 2007. This represents an increase of 11 % in the City of Kingston and 49% in the remainder of Ulster County. Teen clients received support with education, childcare assistance, healthcare assistance, housing and employment. The case managers also provided advocacy, crisis management and referral information to clients.

Youth Leadership Summer Intern Program--The expanded Youth Leadership Program successfully placed 25 youth between 13 and 15 years of age in intern positions throughout Kingston, Ellenville and Rosendale. Employers and agencies mentored interns providing job skills, knowledge and self esteem. In addition, interns participated in weekly leadership workshops.

Parenting Center--The parenting program served 42 parents, care givers and parents-to-be at the YWCA location. In 2007, the program expanded to include inmates in the women's pod of the Ulster County Jail in the Law Enforcement Center and served over 20 women. The weekly sessions allow participants to engage in discussions about past parenting experiences and encourage continual contact with their children during incarceration.

APPS (Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Services)—a program dedicated to raising community awareness, provide education and ensuring services that address teen pregnancy prevention. C.H.I.C. (Courageous, healthy, Independent, Confident) Click group for local girls age 11-16 that focuses on fostering self-esteem, healthy decision making and building positive relationship. Youth Empowerment Series (YES!) whose goal is to enhance students' knowledge and skill for healthy decision, relationships, character development and the consequences of risky behavior. Real Care Babies and Empathy Belly programs.

Advocacy--In March 2007, staff members attended Family Planning Advocates of New York State's 30th annual conference in Albany. We joined board and staff members from Planned Parenthood agencies across the state and met with lawmakers to advocate for additional funding for family planning dollars and to seek support for the *Healthy Teens Act*. This act supports age appropriate, medically accurate sex education. In addition to meeting with members of the assembly, the conference day includes the presentation of awards to individuals for their dedication to women's health and reproductive rights.--The Ulster County Eating Disorders Coalition was formed in April 2007 in response to requests from families who wanted to bring attention to these devastating illnesses and to the challenge of meeting the high costs of treatment. We have been an active participant in the coalition's work to raise awareness in our community and to provide support to families through group counseling--Bringing Unity to the Community was held at Miller Middle School in April as celebration of the National Day of Commitment to Eliminate Racism with a message was to increase understanding, cultural awareness, and acceptance of diversity. 200 children and 19 volunteers attended a day of music, 22 educational booths.—Co-sponsored Jena 6 Community Meeting at Kingston High School.--participated in City of Kingston's Children's Day Parade--Co-hosted Domestic Violence Awareness speak out with Family of Woodstock.

Girls Inc's--Media Literacy program. was launched in October of 2007 at the Edson Elementary School in Kingston. The Media Smarts component, for girls ages 9 – 11 yrs old was offered to ten fourth grade girls at Edson Elementary as part of the after-school program. During the 8-week program girls learned about different types of media and developed a working knowledge of media concepts. They were engaged in activities around media topics such as evaluating the realness of reality TV, creating strong, smart and bold characters as well as exploring and tackling issues such as the beauty myth, diversity and stereotypes in the media. In addition, girls worked on collages juxtaposing image with text portraying realistic and unrealistic images of girls and women. Girls were asked to think critically and communicate any thoughts and feelings about the images through the written word.

Tribute to Women Dinner--240 people attended our 2007 dinner honoring 11 outstanding women.

June Reception--80 people attended a reception fund raiser hosted by Ronald Augustine and Eileen Katatsky at their home in Kingston.

Emily Hoysradt Art Gallery--The YWCA's Gallery provided a venue for several local artists and children's artwork during the Week of the Young Child.

Building--Repaired out Victorian era chimneys--added a brake room for staff-September saw the United Way Day of Caring crew form IBM putting privacy slats in our playground fence.

Financial Summary January 1 to December 31, 2007

Revenue		Expenses	
Private Fees & Grants	\$ 210,530	Childcare Services	\$ 582,117
Investments	\$ 62,844	Youth Services	\$ 259,107
Government Fees	\$1,219,741	Parent Services	\$ 249,584
Contributions	\$ 29,772	Family Counseling	\$ 337,109
Other	\$ 32,374	Shared Expenses	\$ 93,828
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