

ON A MISSION: AN UPDATE FOR YWCA SUPPORTERS



This month YWCA Missoula is using our newsletter to share our triumphs, successes, and updates on the last fiscal year. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support through last year, this year, and the future.

Greetings and Gratitude

As YWCA Missoula celebrates its 110th anniversary, it continues to focus on the current and emerging needs of women and families. Today, the new Meadowlark facility allows the YWCA to serve twice as many women and families with expanded comprehensive support and emergency housing, but challenges remain.

Rising housing costs are putting more families at risk of homelessness, the majority of which are headed by single moms. Women's constitutional right to reproductive choice is under attack, threatening devastating consequences for young women. The pandemic-related economic effects are disproportionately impacting women who are overrepresented in vulnerable occupations or are forced to leave the workforce to provide unpaid care for family members.

The challenges are great, but the YWCA Missoula is prepared. After all, the organization served the Missoula community through two World Wars, the fight for civil rights, and now, two global pandemics. As in the past, a talented and dedicated team of staff and volunteers and the support of countless community members will provide the fuel propelling YWCA Missoula forward in 2022.

Cindy Weese
Executive Director

Fiscal Year 2021 in Review!

Our new facility, the Meadowlark, with twice as much space for women, children, and families facing violence and



housing instability, opened in 2021.

230 families accessed emergency, transitional, or long-term housing, and other support services



1,468 callers were assisted on our domestic violence crisis line.

Our domestic violence crisis line (**406-542-1944** or **800-483-7858**) is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

YWCA Missoula provided **4,429 nights of safe shelter** to adults and children fleeing violence.



105 children enjoyed time with their non-custodial parents at Planet Kids.



Planet Kids provides safe, supervised visitation and exchanges to families that have been affected by domestic, sexual and dating violence, and alleged sexual abuse.

65 girls and gender-diverse youth took part in GUTS!

Part of our Youth Services Program, GUTS! encourages young people to explore personal values and discover their strengths through wilderness adventures in the summer, as well as through after-school groups and service projects during the academic year.



[Click here](#) to see our full Annual Report for 2021.

Secret Seconds News & Updates

Donate Housewares to Secret Seconds

Do you have household items you're looking to pass along? Both stores are currently looking for gently used housewares.

As always, all purchases will go directly to YWCA Missoula programs that help local families in crisis. Shopping at and donating to [Secret Seconds](#) is a great way to support our mission and programs!

Find us at 920 Kensington and 1136 W. Broadway. Open Tuesday thru Saturday, 10 AM - 6 PM.



Get Involved

Donate Items to Support Families in Crisis

Sometimes our participants leave with only the clothing on their backs. Your donations provide basic necessities to help families through everyday challenges.

Domestic Violence Shelter:

- Winter hats for adults
- Gloves and mittens
- Large bath towels
- Diapers (size 5, 6, 7)



- Baby monitors
- Deodorant
- Hair ties
- Bike locks

Housing Program:

- Baby wipes
- Gift cards for gas stations
- Toiletry items (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toilet paper.)
- Cleaning supplies
- Diapers (all sizes)

Planet Kids:

- Upholstery cleaner
- New toddler pants (2T--4T)
- Board games for teens/older kids
- Arts and crafts supplies

Youth Services:

- New outdoor sport equipment
- New or unused outdoor clothing and shoes
- Swim goggles
- New or unused swimwear

[View our complete wish list here!](#)

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