Dear Members and Friends of the Women’s and Children’s Alliance,

Through a combination of dedication and passion about our cause amongst our staff, a creative management team imposing tight fiscal controls, and a supportive board of directors, the WCA continues to be a leader in providing much needed services to women and children in our community.

Next year will mark the 100th year of the WCA’s service to the Treasure Valley. The perseverance and durability the organization has shown, through good times and bad, is both a testimony to the continuing need for our services and a tribute to the long list of community supporters on which the WCA relied. We have a number of exciting programs planned to commemorate our Centennial. We will announce more details on the programs early next year, and we hope you are able to participate.

In the meantime, the board and staff of the WCA are focused on the next 100 years. We established an Endowment fund and are off to a solid start with lead donations. To partially offset a drop in individual contributions as a result of the poor economy, we expanded our grant request program. We have had good results, including new funding to provide financial literacy education to women who leave abusive, controlling relationships and find themselves needing to learn about financial matters for the first time. And as always, we continue to emphasize our core services of providing shelter and counseling for women and children victimized by domestic and sexual violence.

The beacon of safety and hope that the WCA has represented in our community over the decades has only been possible with the ongoing, generous support of community members like you. I want to thank each and every one of you for your dedication to the WCA, and to our community. We are so lucky to have you!

Kris Ormseth

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FINANCIAL RESULTS  July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

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A word from our E.D...

Thanks to our donors and staff, we have managed to make it through a very difficult year without having to reduce services. Our donors helped us by increasing not only their financial contributions, but also their gifts of time as volunteers for us and in their in-kind donations. The outpouring of support for the families we serve - particularly during our Back-to-School drive and Christmas sponsorship program - was heartwarming to see. Several donors told me they were cutting way back on presents for their family members and choosing to share with our families instead! Companies decided to cut back on holiday functions for their employees (at their staff's urging!) and instead shared the saved funds with us. There were many times during the past year that I have been brought to tears by the generosity of our community - both individually and collectively. I know this support meant a lot to our staff as well. All of us took a pay cut last year - and it continues this fiscal year - but we know it is necessary to avoid affecting the services our clients so desperately need. Hearing the stories from our donors about changes they made in their lives in order to continue giving makes this financial adjustment easier to adapt to.

Most importantly, the outpouring of support from our community provided clients with a tangible sign that they are valued. This is so meaningful to them as they work to regain their self esteem and strive to become independent in a way that allows them to make choices about what they want for their future. For many, it is the first time that anyone has asked them to answer that question for themselves...and at first it terrifies them! Then, as they acquire the skills and accept the support, they are able to visualize and plan their own future. This is the outcome we are all dedicated to. And this is the outcome that is a result of your support. On behalf of the clients we serve - THANK YOU!

As we enter our Centennial Celebration year, we urge you to check our website often for events that might be of interest. Beginning as a YWCA in order to provide a safe place for young women to live, it pleases me that 100 years later we are still doing just that - providing a safe place to live for women and their children. Our name may have changed, and our mission has become more focused, but we are still about supporting and nurturing healthy families. We plan to spend our Centennial year highlighting the good works this organization has accomplished, while building a foundation upon which we can move confidently into the next century.

Bea Black

An exciting Centennial announcement!

A History Committee, led by Board Member Kaye Knight, has put in endless hours of research and fact finding about the YWCA/WCA. These valuable pieces of info and memorabilia will be included in a Centennial History Book, set to come out in 2011. A bright young BSU student has already begun writing the manuscript, and a publishing house has been selected.
Our Mission...

The Women’s and Children’s Alliance provides SAFETY, HEALING and FREEDOM from Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault.

Safety

Shelter
One of the first and most important services we can provide to victims is SAFETY. At the heart of the WCA’s programs are the secure shelter and two transitional homes which provide nearly 80 beds for women and children. The program is designed for a 120 to 270-day stay. During a woman’s or family’s stay with us, they are assisted by our residential specialists (RS’s) who are there to oversee the daily activities at the shelter. The program they go through includes education, advocacy, individual counseling, case management, parenting, adult and children support groups and community outreach. This comprehensive program supports the agency’s mission of providing safety, healing and freedom.

Shelter Statistics...
94 women sheltered for 5,545 safe bed nights.
124 children sheltered for 6,010 safe bed nights.
32% of the children in our shelter have been abused.

Court Advocacy
SAFETY is not only obtained in our shelter. Many times it is found in the courtroom. The WCA Court Advocacy Program assists victims of domestic violence through a variety of court processes. Often when a victim comes to court seeking intervention and legal relief from abuse, they have no idea that there are programs in the community to help them out of their situation. Court Advocates provide these victims with hope by offering support and guidance in the courtroom, education on orders of protection, safety planning and legal service referrals.

This year we acquired a new staff member at the WCA: Martha, a Victim Advocate, based at FACES (Family Advocacy Center & Education Services). This new position was created in partnership with FACES and fills an important gap...we are now able to offer full-time bilingual crisis intervention at our community's multi-service center for victims.

Court Advocacy & Safety Planning Statistics...
643 protection order petitioners were assisted (89% of all protection orders filed).
678 attended protection order exparte orientations with WCA Advocates.
287 attended safety planning consultations, & 37 were referred to legal assistance programs.
2,493 calls were made to the 24-hour DV crisis hotline.
Healing

Counseling

The WCA currently has four full-time counselors, one part-time counselor and two masters level interns. Counseling is where the HEALING begins for many victims. The counselors provide individual, group and family counseling to adult and child victims of domestic and sexual violence. Many of our clients are concurrently struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues and find much success in their recovery after completing the WCA program.

This year a few changes were put into place in order to get women off the counseling waitlist in a more timely fashion. Scheduling improvements were made, group sessions were made available, and clients were encouraged to work with our Case Management program in the meantime. Great strides have been made to provide HEALING to victims as quickly as possible!

Counseling Statistics...
1,643 individual counseling sessions to 284 adults.
398 individual counseling sessions to 109 children.
209 individuals attended RAP Orientations (a prerequisite to our RAP DV Support Group).

Freedom

Case Management

There are many obstacles that victims have to overcome before they can be truly FREE of domestic violence. The WCA currently has two full-time case managers that help clients overcome these obstacles. They link clients with community resources such as health care, Medicaid, education, employment, food banks and housing. Additionally, they teach life skills classes, and they help clients learn to budget, write resumes, fix nutritious meals on a budget and be assertive in asking for help. For clients who are involved with Child Protection or those who have Probation Officers, they assist with plan coordination to reduce barriers to clients’ successes. Many times, the case managers are helping clients with issues that stem from domestic and/or sexual abuse, mental health problems, substance abuse, lack of income, education, experience, and something as simple as transportation.

Case Management Statistics...
We provided services to 169 clients, who attended 862 case management appointments.
51% moved out into independent housing and 27% obtained employment.

Words of inspiration from our clients...

“I am so incredibly thankful to all the RS’s who have helped me and my girls through this difficult time in our lives.”

“Thank you for helping me fill out my protection order petition and giving me advice on what to expect in court. Your help was invaluable and I was able to get my protection order.”

“I felt that the professional help and advice from my counselor and case manager was excellent. I feel I have gone a long way in my journey, and this was a pivotal point for me.”

“I can honestly say I love the WCA. It helped me so much, and I love myself more.”

“This is a wonderful program. Hard at first, but worth it. The help that these women have given me is priceless.”

“I was lost and I didn’t have the tools to care for myself let alone my daughter. I was crippled, if not paralyzed by the tapes that played in my head. I feel rescued. We have been rescued.”
ENDOWMENT

One of our greatest aspirations in life is to leave a mark...to make a difference!

Our Endowment Fund has come to life because of several individuals wanting to do just that. We are pleased to report that our Endowment Fund has grown from just over $40,000 to $142,889 by the end of June, 2010. With another $216,048 in pledges and planned gifts bringing our total to $358,037, we are off to a good start on reaching our first campaign goal of $2,000,000 by September of 2011.

By making a commitment to contribute $20,000 or more to the WCA Endowment Fund prior to our 100th Anniversary celebration, taking place next September, donors become a member of the Founder’s Circle. Through June 30, 2010, our Founder’s Circle includes the following:

Kaye and Larry Knight
Sue Bredeson Newby
Kathy Troutner

In addition to those who have joined our Founder’s Circle, we would like to thank the following for making either a cash donation and/or planned gifts to the WCA Endowment Fund through June 30, 2010:

Bea and Jeff Black
Randy Hill
Idaho Legal Solutions
Luci and John McDonald
Mary Monroe
Janice White
Teresa Yragui

FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM

The Women’s and Children’s Alliance is the lead agency in an exciting, new, collaborative program that will provide Financial Literacy Education to victims of domestic violence in the Treasure Valley.

United Way was instrumental in bringing together the following agencies to implement this critical training:

WCA
Nampa Justice Center
City Life of Emmett

Family Advocacy Center & Education Services (FACES)
Advocates Against Family Violence of Caldwell
Valley Crisis Center of Nampa

Funding from United Way, Idaho Women’s Charitable Foundation, Citi and Home Federal Bank will cover the costs of employing 2 part-time trainers, purchase of the curriculum and contracting with the Boise State University School of Social Work to collect outcome data.

Economic dependency and financial exploitation of victims are key components in the cycle of abuse, thus the need for financial literacy and independence for victims of domestic violence is critical. The objective of the new program is to teach victims the necessary skills to achieve financial independence and provide training to collaborative team members who can continue to teach the program in the future.

To date, our community has not offered such a program...we are very excited to see the benefits it is sure to hold!
OUTREACH

Healing Begins with Hope Breakfast

The 6th Annual “Healing Begins with Hope” Outreach and Fundraising Breakfast was held in May at the Boise Centre. This year over 500 guests learned about our Court Advocacy program. Magistrate Judge Terry R. McDaniel and Tina Perkins, the Victim Witness Coordinator for the Boise Police Department spoke of the importance of the work of the WCA court advocates. A WCA client told of how she was assisted in court by the advocates and described the successes she and her children are now experiencing. The event raised over $51,000 in cash that morning, with an additional $108,000 in gifts and pledges.

The 2011 Breakfast is scheduled for May 10th.

If These Walls Could Talk...


Every year hundreds of guests attend “If These Walls Could Talk,” a one-hour tour held monthly at the WCA’s downtown facility, where they learn what these three words really mean. During the hour, they hear how victims of domestic abuse and/or sexual assault find a safe place to begin to heal from their past. Guests learn how our clients acquire the tools to build a safe, independent life...free from violence!

If you would like to attend a tour, contact Susan Kelley at 343.3688 x39 or email skelley@wcaboise.org.

TWIN

The 17th annual Tribute to Women & Industry (TWIN) Luncheon was held on March 30th, 2010, at the Boise Centre on the Grove. 26 companies were represented and 34 deserving women were honored for their contributions to the companies for which they work, as well as for their involvement in the communities in which they live. Nearly 450 people were in attendance, and the WCA brought in close to $70,000. Thank you to all who participated!

Save the Date!
The 2011 TWIN Luncheon will be held on March 16th.

In the 2009-2010 fiscal year, WCA staff members and volunteers made more than 90 presentations and represented the WCA at public events, reaching approximately 15,000 people in our community.

the SHOP

The Shop, a boutique thrift store located in the basement level of the WCA, has been serving the needs of WCA clients and the community for seventeen years. Some of today’s customers were present when retail operations were started in 1994. This year The Shop underwent some “cosmetic” changes...new stairs and new outdoor signage!

Our donors are among the most generous in the valley, and nearly everyone who donates says it is our mission that makes them think of us. The proceeds from our sales fund operations throughout the agency. Clients of the WCA are the direct beneficiaries of this public support.
For your calendars...

We realize that all of you have very full and busy schedules. We dearly appreciate the dedication you have shown to our mission by attending some of our key events in the past. The following is a list of events in 2011 that we invite you to attend. As you will see, some of them have details that need to be finalized, some of them do not. Our hope is that if we get them on your calendars early enough, we will have the pleasure of your company!

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