



2009 Annual Report



YMCA of Grays Harbor

Greetings,

The YMCA has been dedicated to building strong kids, strong families and strong communities for over 100 years in Grays Harbor. As we look back at 2008, we continued to make a difference in our community through challenging economic times. Over the past few years we have focused on building on yesterday's success, managing today's challenges and working towards tomorrow's vision. In this annual report you will see statistics of the YMCA membership and programs, but more importantly, you will also read about some of the personal stories behind all of the numbers. For the YMCA it is all about relationships. If we neglect this fact all the numbers are pointless.

As part of our goal to continuously improve, we completed our second membership survey to ask how we are doing. This survey is orchestrated by an organization that conducts surveys for many YMCA's across the country. The survey measures everything from equipment maintenance to a member's intent to renew. We learned in 2006 that we were doing some things well but definitely missing the mark in other areas. Through the data we received we focused on one main area - building relationships with our members. We made a concerted effort to challenge staff to learn members' names, to check in with members that we have not seen for awhile - in other words to make a connection. We were pleased to receive the results of our latest survey. Our efforts the last two years showed we improved above the national average in almost every category. Most of all, we were excited to see our dramatic improvement in building relationships and making connections with our members. We are continuing to focus on what matters most and that is our members.

Please take a moment to review the highlights of 2008. We continue to focus on the goals in our strategic plan and adjust our programs to the needs of our members. We are proud of these accomplishments. We are grateful for the support of our community, the leadership of our board and the undying passion of our staff and volunteers. Thank you for your part in the YMCA's success in 2008.



Amy Rowley
Board President/CVO



Kurtis Dawson
Executive Director/CEO



Aquatics

112 Children on Swim Team
1,299 Children in School Swim Lessons
180 Adults in GHC Water Exercise
1,612 Children in YMCA Swim Lessons

Youth & Teen

1,186 Kids Participated in Youth Sports
57 Kids Per Day Average in Clubhouse
145 Kid Average for Late Nights
159 Kid Average for Teen Dances
3,842 Completed Homework Assignments



Y-Kids

320 Kids were provided Childcare
1 New Pick Up Site, Montesano
100% Capacity for Preschool
85 Kids Per Day Average in Busytown



Camp

394 Kids Attended
58% Camper Retention Rate
\$8,491 Awarded in Camp Scholarships
137 Annual Days of Camp Use

Families

228 Participated at Harvest Carnival
203 Participated at Turkey Bingo
33 Participated in the Family Fun Run
50 Participated at Healthy Kids Day
62 Participated in the Staycation



Fitness

484 Hours of Personal Training
1,075 Dance Lessons Taught
29,744 Participated in Group Classes

The YMCA Mission

The YMCA is a community service organization whose mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.



Activate America is the YMCA's response to the nation's growing health crisis. The YMCA is redefining itself and engaging communities across the country to provide better opportunities for people of all ages in their pursuit of health and well-being in spirit, mind and body. When Mary first came to the YMCA she could barely lift weights away from her sides, she would start to sweat from just wheeling down to the fitness center, and she would get so frustrated that she would bust out in to tears and say "I just can't do it!" The YMCA helped her get started with a "healthier lifestyle" first by telling her "it's not going to be easy. Make a goal, and live by it. And no matter what, we will be here for you." We would remind her that we won't quit if you won't quit, and that seemed to work, because she hasn't quit. . . . After getting started at the YMCA Mary started weighing in at the Hospital every Friday. One of Mary's initial goals was to lose weight every week and she has conquered that goal so far. Mary continues to learn new exercise to improve her health. Every time we mentioned a new exercise, her eyes light up and she grins from ear to ear. She LOVES learning new things, and we love teaching them to her. Mary has lost a total of 122 pounds. "I enjoy everything at the YMCA."

*Mary,
YMCA Member*





Last year, Carolyn was a first grader who was adjusting to life in a single parent home. Her parents' divorce had been extremely hard on her and this was their first year on the harbor. Carolyn had not adjusted to the transition well and was dealing with her problems by shutting down. She would go to school but refused to do the work.

Her teacher had a policy that whatever class work wasn't finished during the day would get sent home for homework. Carolyn's mother struggled every night to get her daughter to do the work. After months of struggling Carolyn's mother came to the YMCA and asked for help. The YMCA has been able to help Carolyn deal with the divorce as well as become a successful student. Carolyn now comes eagerly each day and has developed the desire to do her homework. We are extremely pleased with her progress and so is her teacher. "I like coming to the Y Homework Club because I know the staff is always there to help me do my best!"

*Carolyn,
Afterschool Program Participant*



The YMCA's Youth Sports Program helps kids become not only better players, but better people. Every child gets to play and the games are safe, exciting and fun. Lauren is a youth sports participant. This past summer she participated in the YMCA Summer Olympics, and is also a member of the Grays Harbor YMCA Sea Otters. "At the YMCA Olympics I swam 25 free, 25 back, and 25 fly. I liked walking around the track at the opening ceremonies, and competing against YMCA swim team friends."

The picture to the left was drawn by Lauren about her favorite summer activity.

*Lauren,
Youth Sports Participant*





**It is 3pm on a Thursday, you are at work,
where is your child? YMCA Childcare.**

Through the YMCA Childcare program Jeziaca has made friends and is learning to make healthy choices that will last her a lifetime. "I feel that the staff at the YMCA child care program takes wonderful care of

my daughter. My daughter always looks forward to going to the YMCA after school and I am so happy (and relieved) knowing that she will be well taken care of, and most of all, safe there."

*Richelle, Childcare Parent
Jeziaca, Childcare Participant*



Preschool Program



Erik had always had an interest in how the government operated and how a bill became a law. After a few close friends told him about the Youth & Government program at the YMCA he was hooked. Erik quickly grew to enjoy the group and going to the Sunday night meetings. Youth & Government gave him the opportunity to speak

about his opinions on current events as if he was a House Representative in Olympia. He was also able to find a growing interest in leadership positions. This year Erik will represent our state district as a nominee for Youth Governor during the 2009-2010 Youth Legislature. He will also represent the state of Washington as one of seven delegates at the Council on National Affairs this summer. "Youth and Government at the YMCA of Grays Harbor has given me not just new skills, but the opportunity for a career."

*Erik,
Youth & Government Participant*





As I look back over the years I'm glad I had the opportunity to attend Camp Bishop. I was a camper the first year camp opened in 1954. There I was, 9 years old and a little worried about staying away from home. My confidence quickly grew as I met new friends and participated in wonderful camp activities. I couldn't wait until I was old enough

to be a counselor at camp. I began my working career as part of the kitchen staff in the 9th grade. I worked as a CIT and Counselor in High School, and then Water Front Director in College. I learned how to be a leader at camp. As I look back, I now realize the value of my camp experience. Camp was a large part of my growing and learning. It was a time to just be a kid and have fun. My own children attended camp every year and now my grandchildren are attending. The crazy stories, campfire songs, skits, and every part of camp have been treasured memories.

The First Camper



2825 Units as of February 2009
 7574 Members as of February 2009
 62.6% Retention Rate for 2008
 21% of Members Received Scholarships
 \$256,909 Awarded in Scholarships
 \$18,770 Donated in Memberships

Every day we average over 800 people that come into our YMCA. Each person appreciates the YMCA for different reasons. One of these members is Rocky Rocquin. "I'm here at 5:30am 5 days a week and I use it as the start of my work day and it helps relax and invigorate me for the entire day."

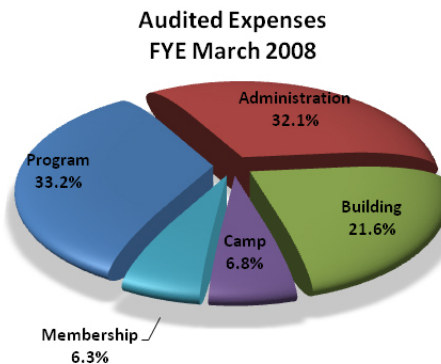
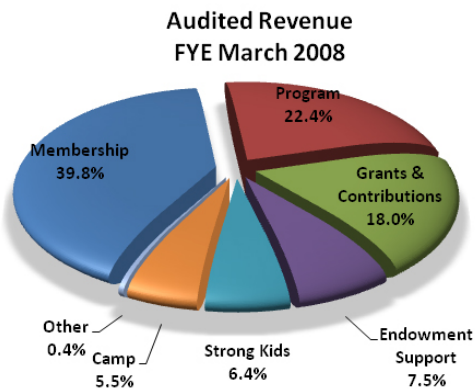
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Statement of Financial Position
 Fiscal Year Ending
 March 31, 2008

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Current Assets	272,243	363,919
Property & Equipment	10,875,314	11,098,115
Other Assets	<u>1,232,702</u>	<u>855,376</u>
Total Assets	12,380,259	12,317,410

<u>Liabilities & Net Assets</u>		
Current Liabilities	215,029	252,413
Long-Term Liabilities	70,092	76,201
Net Assets	<u>12,095,138</u>	<u>11,988,796</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 12,380,259	\$ 12,317,410



YMCA audited financial statements are combined with Senior Companion Program and YMCA Endowment Management Association.