

our voice

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reflect & celebrate

The month of January at the start of a new year is always a great time for reflection. 2011 marked YWCA Bristol's 68th year of community service. We take great pride in our historic legacy and ability to adapt to each and every year's unique challenges and opportunities. We invite you to acknowledge some of our accomplishments in 2011 as we renew our commitment to the heartfelt work ahead of us in this new year.



we empowered women:

- By enabling single mothers (a large percentage of families we serve) to continue working or going to school because of our **sliding-scale childcare program**.
- By partnering with *Holston Habitat for Humanity* to facilitate the **building of a home** for our beloved Food Service Coordinator, Robin Wright. YW Board Members and staff came together to give of their time and labor in heartfelt service.
- By commemorating our **20th Anniversary YWCA Tribute to Women's** with a special hard-backed book detailing the history, milestones, volunteers and honorees of the last 20 years.
- By providing 127 teen girls from all over Northeast TN and Southwest VA affordable prom dress options with the **YWCA Junior Board's 3rd Annual Prom Dress Drive**.
- By hosting our 31st Annual Turkey Trot / Gobbler's Gait---the **oldest women's 5K in Tennessee** and encouraging 45 first-time competitors to run because of our Women's 5K Conditioning program.

we nurtured families:

- Through high quality, **affordable child care for 238 families** at our downtown YWCA facility and satellite Wellmont Child Development Center facility on the Bristol Regional Medical Center campus. Both centers received the **highest rating in the State of Tennessee Star Quality Program** for childcare.
- By enabling 82% of the families in our Children's Center to afford top-quality childcare with our unique sliding-scale fee based on family income.
- By **meeting the need for supervised after-school care**, homework assistance, and technological skill development for at-risk girls for 40 weeks in 2011. Additionally, we received a grant from Peyton Manning's Peyton Manning's Payback Foundation that enabled us provide our first ever Tech Gyrls Summer Empowerment Camp.
- By giving **respite to caregivers** of aging loved ones for the eighth year through our Adult Day Services program.

we worked to transform our community:

- By partnering with Blue Ridge PBS to help **promote the documentary, *Women, War & Peace*** which focused on the under-reported stories of women who are affected by the atrocities of war—and who are successful creating peace. We also hosted a free special screening and panel discussion featuring local refugees and experts.
- By sending a representative to the **2011 YWCA World Council Meeting & International Women's Summit** held in Zurich, Switzerland. YWCA Bristol's Director of Development, Shannon Helton, received a scholarship to attend the entire session.
- By anchoring the intention of PEACE in a tangible way on our grounds with the **installment of a Peace Pole** inscribed with the message, "*May Peace Prevail on Earth*," in honor of the YWCA's mission to promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.
- By sharing knowledge about ***Diversity in the Classroom*** at an annual training for educators & care providers from many community agencies.
- By **giving to United Way of Bristol**—We surpassed our goal of increasing our staff pledges at a Fair Share Level (one hour of pay per month) from 28% in 2011 to 57% in 2012!
- Through the continued success of *The Promise Society Annual Giving Campaign* to **create sustainable funding** for our community service programs. We installed a special plaque in the YWCA vestibule to recognize our generous multi-year donors.
- By sponsoring the **18th Annual Racism / Sexism / Classism Day** presented by Dr. Brenda White-Wright for the Bristol Youth Leadership Program.
- Through our **2011 Week Without Violence Campaign**: 4,430 students in the Bristol and Kingsport school systems pledged against violence and for safer schools and communities.
- By providing community space for almost 250 youth and adults to come together in the spirit of fellowship, good sportsmanship, and volunteerism through NETVC and YWCA **volleyball leagues and clinics**.
- By engaging 60 incarcerated men in a **racial justice dialogue** at the *Appalachian Adult Detention Center*.

**eliminating racism
empowering women** **ywca**