

YWCA NORTHCENTRAL PA

2019-2020 Annual Report

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Letter from our CEO and Board President

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and partners, fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 was another successful year for the YWCA Northcentral PA.

In a moment in time marked by challenges and change, we are working with more purpose and determination than ever to fulfill our promise to the community. You have made it possible for the YWCA Northcentral PA to pursue our mission to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

We are dually charged with honoring our history as well as embracing the future. This past year made it abundantly clear that our mission is central to the livelihood of the women, men and children we serve. We set out to strengthen our existing programs—improving lives, inspiring positive change and creating new opportunities. Our 92-year old building provides us the physical space in which we can make hope possible. We began “A Million Opportunities Campaign.” We were pleased to overhaul our technology infrastructure and while beginning to look at repurposing space for better use of those in need of our services.

There is much to be done. The power of our work comes from what we achieve together. We hope it makes you proud as your read the incredible impact you have made on so many lives in the pages ahead. Join us as we look back at the vision, commitment and action that make our service to the community possible every day.

Together on a mission,

Dawn M. Linn, CEO



Allison Staiman, Board President



Board Leadership

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Programs

Liberty House

Liberty House is proud to offer a permanent housing solution to women and their children as they are recovering from substance abuse while experiencing homelessness. Among the program, case management and life skills classes are offered to help clientele reach their maximum potential and become self-sufficient.

Staff



Jernae Drummond, Housing Services Supervisor



Debra Griffin, Liberty House Case Manager



Shryl Whitesell, Liberty House Case Manager



Shafi Fleming, Liberty House Case Manager

Key Accomplishments from Liberty House

40 women & 24 children were provided with supportive services and case management in their time of need.

Liberty House team offered parenting, budgeting, and healthy relationship classes to all 40 women that were served.

24 women were successfully rehoused into permanent housing.

Brittany's Story

Brittany arrived at the YWCA in the fall of 2018 with nothing but a black garbage bag of clothes, a week or so free from jail and six months clean due to having just been incarcerated. Prior to her jail time, Brittany had been fighting her battle with addiction that came with loss of relationships with her son, much of her family and the loss of a place to call home.

She was nervous when entering the Liberty House program at the YWCA, but immediately felt comfortable as she was warmly embraced by the team.

As Brittany recalls, this was the first time she felt proud about her surroundings. She had her own room with her own bed. Her excitement to call something 'hers' helped keep her motivated to work through the requirements of the program while giving a new sense of confidence that she could

overcome her addictions.

"I didn't set goals. I didn't think I was capable to achieve things that would leave me better off." Brittany explained, "...that is, until I had the chance to work with the Liberty House staff and gain strength in myself alongside other women who are experiencing similar journeys. Jernae and the team are really there for those of us staying at Liberty House," she continued.

During Brittany's stay, she found out she was pregnant with twins. Not only did she receive the support she needed in her recovery, but she gained faith in herself as she was being offered another opportunity to be a better mom.

It has been nearly two years since the day Brittany came to Liberty House. She has been clean and sober that entire time. And as the twins near 6 months old, they are excited to be preparing for their big move to permanent housing this fall.



Lasting Impressions

“Liberty House helped save my life. Being here has shown me how to live and be a part of society. But also, living within the program has given me strength. Strength to love myself. And strength to face life, no matter what shows up. The most valuable thing the program has given to me is knowing I am not alone when facing the challenges life presents. I know I have support as I move towards a brighter tomorrow.” -T.T.

“The YWCA’s Liberty House has not only given me a stable living environment but has also helped give me stability and support in my recovery.”
-LH Client

“If it hadn’t been for the YWCA and Liberty House, I don’t know where I’d be today. As an addict. As a mother. And as a woman.” -B.S.

“My time at Liberty House helped me stay sober, comfortable, and happy!” -A.S.

Programs

Wise Options

Since 1973, survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes have been served by Wise Options. This program offers much more than a physical shelter. We offer services ranging from legal services for Protection from Abuse orders and court accompaniment, counseling, support groups, medical advocacy, prevention education, housing assistance, and more.

Staff



Heather Reeder, Direct Services
Supervisor



Amy Bower, Shelter Advocate



Michelle Huey, Shelter Advocate



Debra Smith, Shelter Advocate



Jen Reynolds, Shelter Advocate



Jennifer Stack, Shelter Advocate



Erin Scholl, Advocacy and
Prevention Supervisor



Kierstin Miller, Legal Advocate



Jennifer Swanson, Prevention
Educator



Rebecca Hosier, Medical Advocate



Johneice Legare, Housing Advocate



Chloe Philipen, Counselor

“I
am a
survivor and I will
get through any
obstacle.” Wise
Options Client

“At
any given
moment, you have
the power to say ‘This
is NOT how my story
ends.’” Wise Options
Client

“No
man is worth
my tears, and the
one who is, will
never make me cry.”
Wise Options
Client

Key Accomplishments from Wise Options

1,341 survivors of violence were provided supportive services by Wise Options with 9,203 nights of safe shelter provided to 154 adult and 83 child survivors.

Offered life-saving services to 1,067 survivors of Domestic Violence, 242 survivors of Sexual Assault, and 32 individuals of other violent crimes.

Wise Options Legal Advocates were able to provide 443 Protection from Abuse (PFA) Screenings to individuals seeking safety.

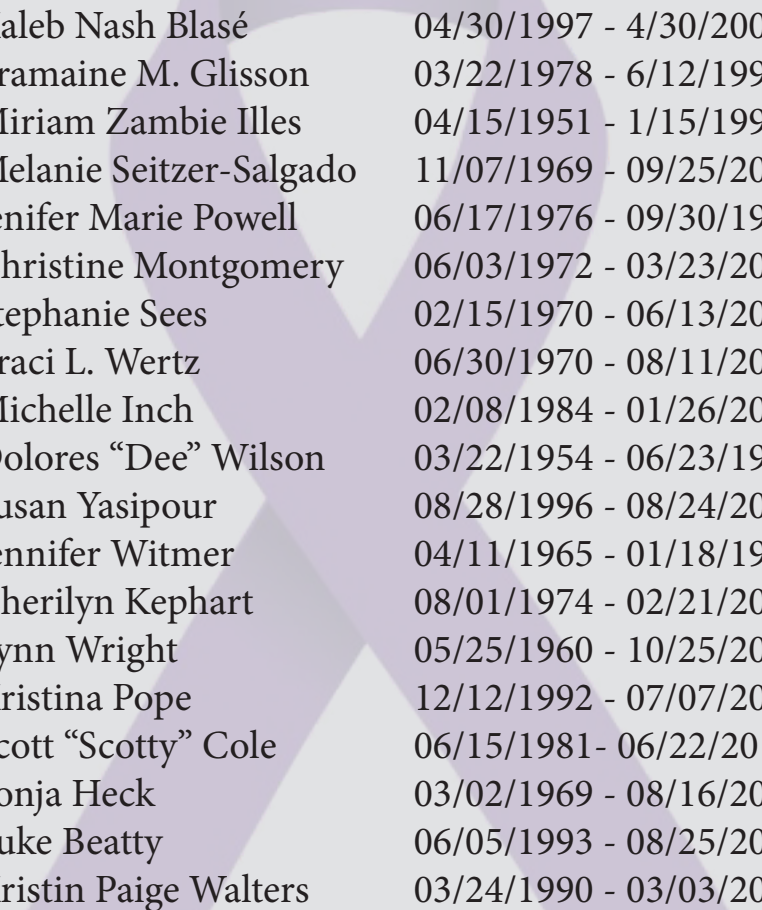
Wise Options Education and Prevention Team provided 3,334 individuals in Lycoming County with awareness and prevention education surrounding Healthy Relationships, Violence Prevention, Bullying Prevention, Bystander Intervention, Healthy Touch and other topics.

44 clients were served by the Rapid Rehousing Project to offer secure housing as individuals fled a domestic violence situation.

13 Families in sensitive situations participated in the Safe Exchange program to ensure their custody exchange posed no danger to themselves or their children.

We Remember

Dedication to the lives lost from domestic abuse
in Lycoming County



Kaleb Nash Blasé	04/30/1997 - 4/30/2002
Tramaine M. Glisson	03/22/1978 - 6/12/1999
Miriam Zambie Illes	04/15/1951 - 1/15/1999
Melanie Seitzer-Salgado	11/07/1969 - 09/25/2004
Jenifer Marie Powell	06/17/1976 - 09/30/1997
Christine Montgomery	06/03/1972 - 03/23/2005
Stephanie Sees	02/15/1970 - 06/13/2002
Traci L. Wertz	06/30/1970 - 08/11/2004
Michelle Inch	02/08/1984 - 01/26/2016
Dolores “Dee” Wilson	03/22/1954 - 06/23/1996
Susan Yasipour	08/28/1996 - 08/24/2001
Jennifer Witmer	04/11/1965 - 01/18/1998
Cherilyn Kephart	08/01/1974 - 02/21/2013
Lynn Wright	05/25/1960 - 10/25/2013
Kristina Pope	12/12/1992 - 07/07/2015
Scott “Scotty” Cole	06/15/1981- 06/22/2017
Sonja Heck	03/02/1969 - 08/16/2018
Luke Beatty	06/05/1993 - 08/25/2018
Kristin Paige Walters	03/24/1990 - 03/03/2020

Fundraiser Events

Over the Edge | October 26, 2019

Celebrating the 2nd Annual Over the Edge event, The YWCA, River Valley Regional YMCA and the Williamsport Area School District Education Foundation collaborated to once again offer this unique rappelling fundraiser to benefit all three agencies.



Women of Excellence | November 7, 2019

The 11th annual tribute to Women of Excellence celebrated 14 strong, selfless women who have made an unforgettable impact on our community. The event honored Shea Madden as Wise Woman of the Year and Stephanie Steinbacher as the Young Wise Woman.



Virtual Auction | May 28, 2020

The YWCA successfully held their first virtual auction in substitution for the Gala. The virtual auction offered new and creative ways to raise funds for the programs at the YWCA while engaging with community members.

Purchases with Purpose

The Boutique

40 volunteers along side The Boutique manager ensure lightly worn clothing, shoes, and accessories make their way to our storefront for community shoppers and YWCA clients. This year, we are proud to have offered 33 Liberty House clients and 61 from within the Wise Options program opportunity to browse for items they were in need of.

The Boutique's income directly impacts the programming of the YWCA, while allowing the community to shop for inexpensive and unique clothing.

Staff



Kahlie DeHotman, Boutique Manager

“I love when we have first time shoppers. They are always so impressed with The Boutique and typically leave with a big bag full of goodies.”
- Boutique Volunteer, Jess Bower

“When I come to the Boutique, I know I will always learn something new. I may learn a more efficient way to price clothes or I might work on greeting people and being more sociable.”

- Youngest Boutique Volunteer, Maddie, on how volunteering has impacted her.

While Cinderella's Closet was unable to happen in Spring 2020, we celebrated the donation of over 200 gowns to be used for the event in 2021.



Creations of Courage

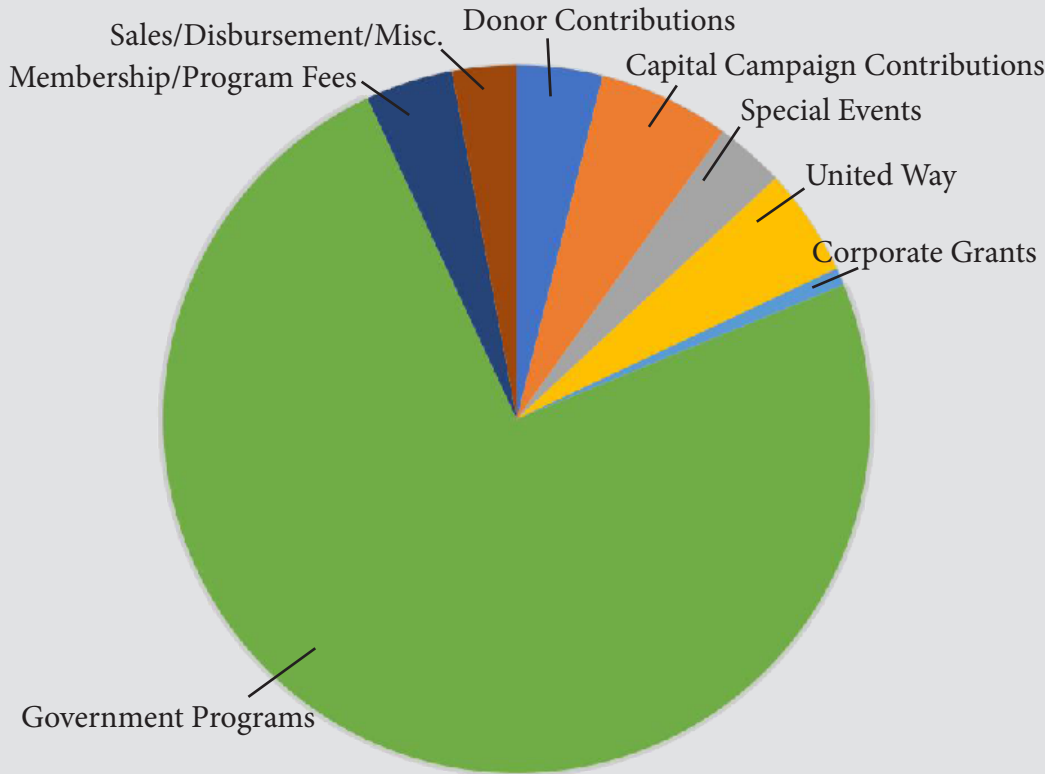
A sewing project that started in 2003 with volunteer sewers has grossed over \$9,000 in the last five years. Once a week, ladies come in to create a variety of products that are then sold around our community. The funds raised from these creations go back to the clients of the YWCA.



Finances

Support & Revenue

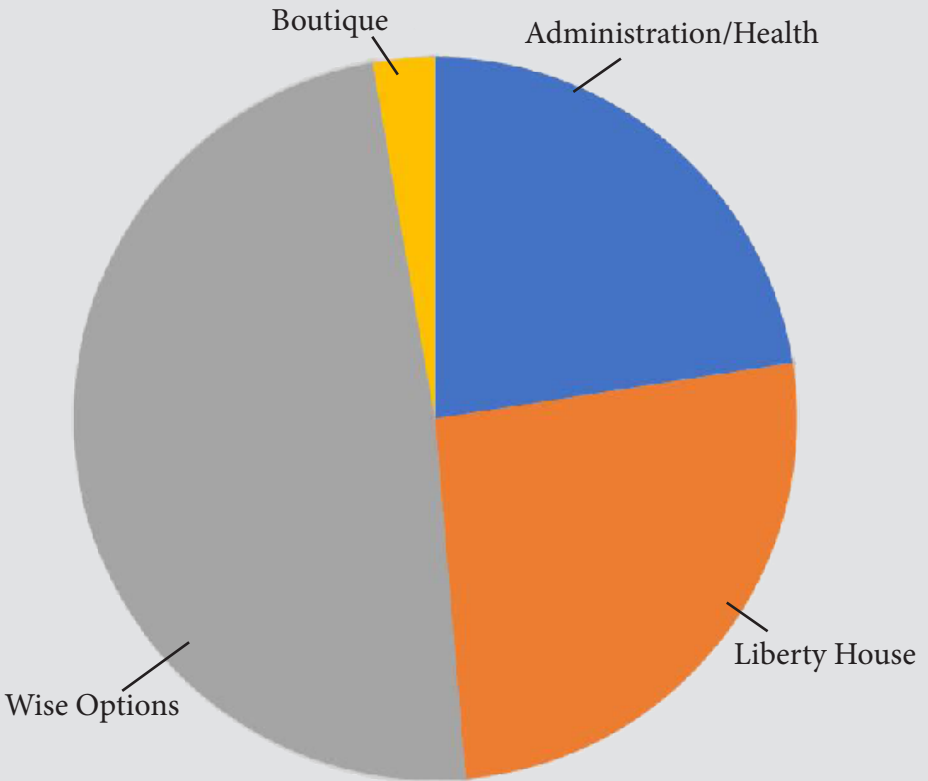
Donor Contributions	\$81,343.93
Capital Campaign Contributions	\$125,000.00
Special Events	\$66,025.41
Lycoming County United Way	\$102,500.37
Corporate Grants	\$16,500.00
Government Programs	\$1,545,680.08
Membership/Program Fees	\$83,232.86
Sales/Disbursement/Misc.	\$61,216.34



Total: \$2,081,498.99

Expenses

Administration/Health Care	\$429,155.61
Liberty House	\$497,104.89
Wise Options	\$924,839.38
Boutique	\$53,005.21



Total: \$1,904,105.09

Donor

Recognition

The YWCA's Circle of Champions Giving Society has helped open the door for more than 1,000 women, men and children who have benefited from counseling, education and shelter services provided by the YWCA staff.

Annual Supporters provide the YWCA with a gift of \$125 each year, while Junior Associates under the age of 18 provide a contribution of \$25 annually. Advocates of Justice at a giving level of \$5,000 and Champions of Peace at a giving level of \$10,000, provide unique opportunities to directly guide funding priorities within the walls of the YWCA.

All Circle of Champions Giving Society levels help build an endowment which will, in perpetuity, strengthen the life-changing programs offered by the YWCA.

Circle of Champions Giving Society

Champions of Peace

Linda Boose
Kay Ertel
Martha Gandy
Allison Staiman
Barb Wascher

Nancy Lady
Barbara Lytle
Donna & James Maule
Sue & Butch McCusker
Suzette & John Meyer
Susan & Joseph Myers

Champions of Justice

Frani Doherty
Dawn Linn
Margaret Piper

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Marsha & Thomas Person

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Alma & Jeffrey Verzella
Amanda & Ed Wright
Margery & Daniel Wurster
Karen & David Young
Kathy & Adam Zakarian

Junior Associates

Katie Doebler
Lexi Greevy
Samantha Machmer
Rory Oden
Stephanie Steinbacher



Rotunda Society

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The YWCA Rotunda Society recognizes those who have made a commitment to insure the safety of children and women for generations to come by making a planned gift to the YWCA Northcentral PA.

Barbara Barrett
Linda Boose
Kay Ertel

Margaret Piper
Julie Steinbacher
1 Anonymous Donor

Lifetime Giving Society

The YWCA Lifetime Giving Society recognizes those who have given a total of at least \$10,000, displaying their commitment to ensuring a bright future for the YWCA. Inducted over this fiscal year:

James Bower Sr.
James Bower Jr.
Europtics

Tribute Gifts

Gifts in Honor

Janet Durrwachter
Linda Eck

by Christopher Young
by S. Rebecca Hibschman

Gifts in Memory

Janet Roan

by Jo Anne Adams
by Doug Roan

Carol A. Weisenburger

by Bette Tokarz
by Patricia and Karen Schramm
by Anonymous

YWCA Community Partners, Corporate Sponsors & Grant Fundors

The YWCA offers immense gratitude to our Community Partnerships, Funders, Grant Sources and Corporate Sponsors from within the community and across the county who help allow us to make a difference in the lives of those we serve. Every investment to the YWCA through collaboration, partnership, and financial support helps us make tremendous progress and we thank each and every one who have given.

Abram M. & Dorothy M. Snyder Foundation

Adelophoi Village

Adult & Juvenile Probation

Aids Resource

American Rescue Workers/Saving Grace

Ashler Manor

Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP

Central PA Food Bank

Clear Vision

Crossroads Counseling

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Family Practice Centers

First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania -

Pearls with a Passion

Friends of the James V Brown Library

Genesis House, Inc.

Greater Williamsport Ride Share Association

Harry Plankenhorn Foundation
Hudock Capital Group
Junior League of Williamsport
Kiwanis Club of Williamsport
Larson Design Group
Lycoming College
Lycoming County - Emergency Solutions Grant
Lycoming County Adult probation
Lycoming County Courts
Lycoming County District Attorney
Lycoming County Housing Authority
Lycoming County Joinder Board
Lycoming County Law Enforcement Association
Lycoming County Prison & PRC
Lycoming County United Way
M&T Charitable Foundation
McCormick Law Firm
Muncy Bank & Trust
Muncy State Correctional Institution
North Penn Legal Services
PA Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV)
PA Coalition Against Rape (PCAR)
PA Coalition on Crime & Delinquency
Pennsylvania College of Technology
River Valley Health & Dental
Spherion Staffing
STEP
Timberland Apartments
Transitional Living Centers
UPMC Susquehanna
West Branch Drug & Alcohol
Woodlands Bank

Leadership

Packed with a range of skills and many years of experience, this team shares the vision and values of the YWCA's mission to Eliminate Racism and Empower Women. They are driven by the idea that the best work comes from consistency and diligence, mixed with fun and positivity.

Staff



Dawn Linn, Chief Executive Officer



Steve Parlante, Chief Financial Officer



Amber Morningstar, Program Director



Brittany Fischer, Communications and Development Director

Administration

From office management and human resources to report tracking and marketing, the administration team works hand in hand with the entire YWCA team on a daily basis to ensure efficiency and productivity are always at the forefront.

Staff



Monica Whitmoyer, Office Manager/Bookkeeper



Molly Mann, Administrative Assistant



Samantha Kern, Communications and Marketing Coordinator

Facilities

Our facilities staff members make sure our building continues to provide the best service to fellow staff and clients. From small electrical issues, to installing different equipment, regular maintenance and cleaning, these employees are crucial to keeping our building running for many more years to come.

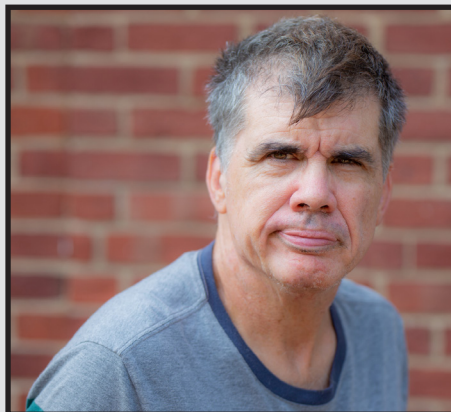
Staff



Allen Goodbrod, Facilities
Director



Derek Dupree, Maintenance



Ron Ault, Maintenance

A Year In



Our Hut of Hope helps community members in need



Bus pass donation from the James V Brown Library



Clothing donation from Faxon Cleaners

Review



Megan's Box generously donates over 1,000 Christmas gifts for our clients



Preparing backpacks for the Point-in-Time Count



Donor celebrated 80th birthday by collecting bedding donations



Volunteers help keep the YWCA building in good shape



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Thank you to all of the supporters, members and volunteers of the YWCA. Because of your support, the YWCA remains a strong and vibrant resource to save and improve lives in Lycoming County.

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The listings in this annual report reflect the 2019-20 fiscal year. The YWCA Northcentral PA has taken great time and care in assembling this information. If you notice any discrepancies, please contact us at (570) 322-4637 ext. 159.