This year, the YWCA USA announced a campaign for YWCA’s across the country to join together “on a mission”. At the YWCA Northcentral PA, we have proudly lived our mission to eliminate racism and empower women since 1893. The tireless staff of our two cornerstone programs have affected powerful change for all those who sought out the support of Wise Options and Liberty House.

**Wise Options** — Within the 24/7 operation of Wise Options single women, mothers and children not only found shelter from violence, but empowerment and kindness. Special programming for victims focused on identifying safe resources as well as ways to relax, laugh and practice self-care.

**Liberty House** — The goal of Liberty House is more than teaching women how to maintain self-sufficiency. With classes in money management, job preparedness, parenting and nutrition - the goal of Liberty House is to instill in women the belief that they truly are capable of, and deserve to, maintain a safe home and way of life for themselves and their children.

**The Boutique** — For over three years now, The Boutique has provided a fun link between the YWCA Northcentral PA and our community. By providing high-quality clothing at low-costs, The Boutique is a unique shopping experience for the public. By accepting donations of clothing and accessories, The Boutique allows all participants in YWCA programs the ability to get whatever they may need at no cost as a hand-up and stepping stone to rebuild their lives.

What goes all to often unsaid is the vital role the YWCA’s donors and supporters play in making all of this a reality. Without a generous community and without selfless, thoughtful donors and volunteers thousands of lives each year would go untouched and unchanged by the life-saving services of the YWCA Northcentral PA. On behalf of the dedicated staff who care passionately about these programs, and the clients who have a bright future because of them, I thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathy Brown-Wehr, Board President
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OUR MISSION

YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

If you would like more information on volunteer opportunities or donating to the YWCA Northcentral PA, visit our website or call:

(570) 322-4637 ext. 159

www.ywcawilliamsport.org

The YWCA is a partner program of the Lycoming County United Way.
When The Boutique launched in 2013, the goal was to create a stream of reliable revenue to support Liberty House and Wise Options. Very quickly, it became clear that The Boutique was so much more.

Women and children who have experienced the shame of homelessness and the fear of domestic violence often lose their sense of self-worth and self-confidence. They become focused on sheer survival and neglect some of the very basic necessities of life.

For those - The Boutique is about rebuilding life. Whether it’s having warm pajamas, winter boots, clothes for a job interview or just a new dress for church, YWCA program participants get a very special gift thanks to all of the donors who give selflessly to make The Boutique a reality.
The Boutique supports children in Liberty House & Wise Options like those who created the artwork throughout this report.

BOUTIQUE STATISTICS

The Boutique is supported not only by generous community members, but also by local businesses, stores and schools. Wegmans graciously donated shopping bags for our season end Bag Sale, Supply Source gave storage cabinets to keep our store organized and dozens of others made this past year a success in countless ways.

The Boutique received volunteers and donations from Lycoming College, Pennsylvania College of Technology and Bucknell University.

- Number of Boutique volunteers: 46
- Number of garments, purses and other items sold: 11,581
- Number of unique donations to The Boutique: Nearly 400

The Boutique is open:

Wednesday | 3pm - 6pm
Thursday | 11am - 5pm
Friday | 11am - 5pm
Saturday | 9am - 1pm
Since January 2003, Liberty House has given homeless women a refuge to rebuild their lives from the inside out. Single women and mothers with children begin their Liberty House journey by identifying their personal goals and obstacles to self-sufficiency. With the help of a dedicated case manager, clients work toward those goals in an environment that teaches them the skills of everyday life - from job hunting to budgeting to parenting.

The YWCA and Liberty House staff provide various services for participants including:

- Case Management
- Life Skills, Counseling, Parenting Education & more
- Employment and Budgeting Services
- Housing and Social Services Referrals
- GED & Education Assistance through various community partners
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Food Pantry and Emergency Needs Center

Workshops and programs are open to all YWCA clients.
Liberty Options is a special part of Liberty House for those who have become homeless as a result of domestic violence and provides tailored case management to guide survivors to break the cycle of abuse.

LIBERTY HOUSE STATISTICS

- Total number served: **119**
  - Women served: **75**
  - Children served: **44**

- **83%** of exiting clients moved into safe, permanent housing.

- **100%** of staff received crisis, drug and alcohol intervention training.

New classes like “What Would You Do?” gave Liberty House clients interactive opportunities to learn life skills.

- **100%** of clients were screened for domestic violence and/or sexual assault and had access to supportive services.

- New clients enrolled in match savings program: **6**

- Number of volunteer hours clients provided to area nonprofit agencies: **3,063**

* These numbers represent the findings of the 2015-2016 fiscal year
WISE OPTIONS

For nearly 40 years Wise Options has been Lycoming County’s only source for free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes. Professional advocates, compassionate counselors and attentive shelter staff come together to make the life-saving services of Wise Options empowering as well as all-encompassing.

The YWCA knows that preventing domestic violence and sexual assault begins with education. To reach that end Wise Options provides a large array of Community Education Awareness programs available to groups of all ages including occupation-specific trainings.

24 HOUR CRISIS HOTLINES:
570.323.8167 or 1.800.326.8483

WISE OPTIONS SERVICES AND PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE AND CONFIDENTIAL.
The doors of Wise Options opened in 1979. Every moment of every day since then, Wise Options has provided free and confidential services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes.

WISE OPTIONS STATISTICS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: 1,171
• Service to adults 1,004 Service to children 89;
• Service to significant others: 78

SEXUAL ASSAULT: 250
• Service to adults 174; Service to children 31;
• Service to significant others 45

SHELTER SERVICE DAYS: 3,164
• Adults 1,599 days; Children 1,565 days

VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS: 1,627

HOURS OF SERVICE TO VICTIMS: 4,026
• Domestic Violence: 3,731 (3,243 hr. adult/488 hr. children)
• Sexual Assault: 295 (241 hr. adults/54 hr. children)

HOURS OF SERVICE TO SIGNIFICANT OTHERS: 134
• Domestic Violence: 81
• Sexual Assault: 53

PREVENTION & AWARENESS PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONALS: 152
• Students from pre-school thru college: 3,570
• Adults reached: 3,148

* These numbers represent the findings of the 2015-2016 fiscal year
FINANCIALS
SUPPORT & REVENUE

$ 90,783 Membership/Program Fees/Rentals
$ 128,000 Bequests/Interest/Sales/Misc. Income
$ 48,807 Contributions
$ 105,685 Special Events
$ 103,000 Lycoming County United Way
$ 1,107,341 Grants, Government & Other

$1,583,616 TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE*

*Unaudited Numbers

- Membership/Program Fees /Rentals 5%
- Bequests/Interest/Sales/Misc. Income 8%
- Contributions 3%
- Special Events 7%
- Lycoming County United Way 7%
- Grants, Government & Other 70%
FINANCIALS

EXPENSES

$ 554,057 Liberty House & Liberty Options
$ 111,380 Fundraising & Boutique
$  50,876 Management & General
$  30,618 Health Promotion Services
$  769,844 Wise Options

$1,516,775 TOTAL EXPENSES*

*Unaudited Numbers

Liberty House/Liberty Options 37%
Fundraising & Boutique 7%
Management & General 3%
Health Promotion Services 2%
Wise Options 51%
SPECIAL EVENTS

Women of Excellence | November 12, 2015
In its seventh year, the YWCA’s annual Tribute to Women of Excellence honored thirteen of our area’s most selfless and dedicated women. Anne Holladay was named the 2015 Wise Woman of the year.
Next Event: November 10, 2016

Chair.ity Auction | April 1, 2016
Every two years, the YWCA hosts a unique auction loosely based on seating arrangements. Donors, sponsors and guests combine to make this the largest of the YWCA fundraising events.
Next Event: Spring 2018

Race Against Racism | April 30, 2016
The YWCA Northcentral PA joined with YWCAs across the state and country to Race Against Racism at the same day and time. Pennsylvania hosted more than 5,000 runners raising awareness and funds for racial justice education.
Next Event: April 29, 2017
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THANK YOU

The generous support of businesses, organizations, churches, individuals and donors has allowed women, children and men to find new lives of peace, safety, happiness and joy through Wise Options and Liberty House.
The listings in this annual report reflect the 2015-2016* 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

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