Letter from the Board President

My tenure as the board president for the YWCA Northcentral PA has come to a close. Over the past two years, my love for this organization has grown more than I could have imagined. Being heavily involved in the intricacies of the YWCA has filled my heart with great joy.

The dedicated staff and volunteers have changed the lives of thousands of people in Lycoming County during the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The passion in their hearts has made it possible to support Wise Options and Liberty House clients through the difficulties that they face.

Wise Options
Each year Wise Options continues to grow and expand services for individuals experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault or other violent crimes. Since it began 42 years ago, the program has helped countless survivors find safety and support under our roof. In 2019, two new facets have been added to its services: the Lycoming County Custody Exchange Center and Rapid Re Housing.

Opening in April, the Lycoming County Custody Exchange Center has provided a safe, monitored space for families who need a neutral location to have custody exchanges. What is so special about the center is that the parents never have to come in contact with one another, creating less stress for everyone involved.

Rapid Rehousing is funded through Housing and Urban Development which provides security deposit and rent for individuals and families who are homeless due to domestic violence. It is incredible that in the first year we have helped 24 clients find their own place of peace, free of violence.

Liberty House
Our sober-living shelter for women and women with children experiencing homelessness has helped 67 women and 17 children in the past year. The case managing and focus on sober living has created a supportive environment for clients to grow in. They set goals with their case managers, make friends with the other women and find a renewed sense of confidence in themselves.

The Boutique
I enjoy working in The Boutique on a regular basis. Working in The Boutique enables me to meet new people, work with wonderful volunteers and at the same time support the mission of the YWCA. We are so thankful for the hundreds of clothing donations we receive each year. These donations allow the women and children at the YWCA to receive the free clothing that they need. Also, it allows women at the YWCA to purchase fashionable and gently used clothing at a reasonable price. Ergo, without the generous donations, the dedicated volunteers, and our wonderful customers, The Boutique would not be as successful.

I personally, would like to thank the Board of Trustees, Board of Directors, and especially the dedicated staff, for making the 2018-2019 a successful year for the YWCA. It is through your support and dedication that make it possible for the clients to overcome abuse and/or homelessness. Thank you again for everything you do.

Sincerely,

Jo-Ann Dorski
2018-19 Key Accomplishments

All of these huge successes is proof of the dedication our supporters, staff and community has for our mission.

**Opened the Lycoming County Custody Exchange Center to provide a safe location for custody exchanges in our community in April.**

**Began Rapid Re Housing for individuals and families fleeing domestic violence in the spring of 2019. Thanks to Housing and Urban Development, we supported 24 families who live in their own home, safe from violence.**

**Provided supportive services and advocacy to 1,623 individuals through Wise Options**

1,069 survivors of domestic violence, 307 survivors of sexual assault and 240 survivors of other violent crimes received life-saving services

**418 Protection from Abuse Order screenings completed**

15,345 individuals in Lycoming County were provided with education and/or awareness of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes.

Liberty House served 65 Women and 17 children

150 high school girls found affordable prom dresses through Cinderella’s Closet.

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**Special Events**

**Over the Edge | Oct. 26, 2018**

The YWCA, River Valley Regional YMCA and the Williamsport Area School District Education Foundation collaborated to kick off this unique rapelling fundraiser to benefit all three agencies.

**Women of Excellence | Nov. 8, 2018**

The 10th annual Tribute to Women of Excellence celebrated 8 strong, selfless women who have made an unforgettable impact on the community. Judith Krezmer was honored as Wise Woman of the Year.

**Cuisine & A Cause | April 7, 2019**

Twelve local restaurants and caterers competed head-to-head in a cooking competition at the Benjamin Ballroom.

The winners were:

**Appetizer:** Scorz Bar and Grill & Herman and Luther’s
**Salad:** Long Island Pizza
**Soup:** Sammy’s Pizza and Restaurant
**Entree:** Herman and Luther’s
**Gluten Free:** Chef Hosch & Ann Catering
**Dessert:** The Food Guy Catering Company
“Being in Wise Options makes me want to do better for myself. With the knowledge I gained, I will make better decisions in the future. It’s wonderful here!”

Terry, Wise Options client

“I am originally from Arkansas. During a road trip this summer, my ex abandoned my daughter and me in Williamsport. Thankfully we found safety at Wise Options after we had no place to go.”

Jewel and Haley
Wise Options

“I’ve come to Wise Options four times over the past three years. Each time I come back it is better than before. The staff are very supportive. I hope one day I’ll get to tell my story.”

Anonymous Client
Wise Options
Liberty House

“Liberty House is a really encouraging place. I have gotten myself together regarding my alcohol addiction. I’ve made friends here I can talk with about whatever I’m going through.”

Tammy
Liberty House

“My life has been so good since coming to the YWCA. I love me today! I’m thankful for each day clean! My goal is to become a certified recovery specialist to help people, like me, who are overcoming addiction.

Rhonda
Liberty House

“I promised my case manager and parole officer I would complete the Liberty House program, get my son back and stay sober. I am going to prove to them I can do it!”

Sapphire, Liberty House client
This high school senior came to Cinderella’s Closet by herself in search of the perfect dress for her senior prom. Her fairy godmother helped her select a gown she felt beautiful in.

Gail utilized the incredible selection of clothing, shoes and accessories in The Boutique during her time in Liberty House. Before moving into her own apartment, she picked out an outfit that made her feel beautiful and strong!

Kayla, age 4, loves to wear dresses. Her and her mom Liz chose many adorable dresses for Kayla to wear for the start of preschool. Having new clothes made her feel more prepared to begin this big step in her life.
Finances
Support & Revenue

Contributions  $72,664.91
Special Events  $50,657
United Way  $94,970.87
Corporate Grants  $72,856
Government Programs  $1,253,548.22
Membership/Program Fees  $47,139.12
Sales/Disbursments/Misc.  $123,094.30

$1,714,929.99

Expenses

Administration  $155,830.05
Health Promotion Services  $24,747.47
Boutique  $49,746.22
Liberty House  $394,854.37
Wise Options  $964,182.18

$1,589,360.29
Circle of Champions
Membership Society

Last year, members of the YWCA’s Circle of Champions Membership Society helped open the door for more than 1,300 women, men and children who benefited from counseling, education and shelter here at the YWCA.

Annual membership with the YWCA Northcentral PA begins with a gift of at least $125. Lifetime memberships, at a level of $5,000 or $10,000, provide unique opportunities to directly guide funding priorities.

All membership gifts help build an endowment which will, in perpetuity, strengthen the life-changing programs of the YWCA.
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.

Linda Boose
Kay Ertel
Martha Gandy
Allison Staiman
Julie Steinbacher
Barb Wascher

Tribute Gifts

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Janet Durrwachter by Christopher Young
Linda Eck by S. Rebecca Hibschman

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by Patricia and Karen Schramm
by Anonymous

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Management

YWCA Management and staff are committed to fulfilling our mission through quality service, care and support to those we serve.

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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 in Lycoming County.