



**YWCA Enid**  
**2021 Annual Report**



Dear Friends of the YWCA:

Many people would like to forget 2020 but it should be remembered. It should be remembered that during this unprecedented time the YWCA rose to meet the many challenges that faced it. It should be remembered that our community increased their support in these uncertain times. As we know COVID's impact on women was felt very strongly both at home and in the workplace. With the support of a strong team of staff and engaged board of directors, the YWCA swiftly responded to COVID and continued to serve and empower women.

The YWCA Enid continues to be a place of refuge for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. In addition to taking COVID precautions, we are working to upgrade that refuge with critical security improvements. We recognized the need to renovate our intake room to make it more comforting and welcoming to clients and to improve the bedding in our shelter.

Some of our programs and initiatives are detailed in this report but I wanted to highlight just a few. Our team has worked hard to increase awareness and Walk A Mile was a huge success this year. We promoted Raise the Bar Training which is a program to work with local restaurants and bars to train workers on how to recognize and handle potential domestic violence issues. We reached young women through Project Cinderella which offers formal dresses to high schools in the area. As part of our 100-year anniversary Facebook tribute that extended into this year, we honored 100 women and celebrated their service to the community.

On behalf of the board, we'd like to thank our previous executive director Carrie Sanders and our current executive director Courtney Strzinek for their excellent leadership and commitment to the goals of the YWCA. We sincerely thank our supporters and invite you to continue supporting our mission of improving the lives of women and young girls and eliminating racism. We know there is still more work to be done.

Sincerely,  
Board Chair

*Jarretta Huckins*



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## Hope Starts Here at YWCA Enid.

Over the last 101 years, YWCA Enid has been a driving force for change. Since our doors opened in 1920, we have been on a mission to serve women and girls across all generations. The organization was created during a time when there was great gender inequality towards women and limited opportunities. A time where women were fighting for their rights to vote and couldn't sit on juries.

YWCA Enid is part of the oldest and largest multicultural women's organization in the nation. Across the globe, we stand with more than 25 million members in 106 countries, including 2.6 million members and participants in 300 local associations in the United States. More important than the numbers is our mission to eliminate racism and empower women. We provide safe places for women and girls, build strong women leaders, and advocate for women's rights and civil rights.

YWCA's around the world have been on a mission. Together, we are creating change and addressing the issues that still plague women today: safety, equal pay, racial justice, and economic empowerment and advancement.

Today, YWCA Enid is, at our core, emergency crisis intervention services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. We are the triage unit for survivors. YWCA Enid works to lay the foundation for survivors to rebuild lives free from shame, blame, and future violence. We provide help and hope in our community.

Women come to us in times of crisis as survivors of violence. We work to help them become independent by providing support and counseling. They leave more confident with a renewed spirit, new skills, and stronger lives.

Through the generous contributions of so many donors, YWCA Enid continues its mission and works to make an important and lasting impact on our community.

## OUR PROGRAMS

## CRISIS CENTER PROGRAMS

### 24/7 Crisis Line

Received 282 calls on the Crisis Hotline.

Our hotline is always staffed by trained, caring advocates. They provide crisis intervention, education, emotional support, referrals to local resources, and safety planning to anyone in crisis.

All calls are confidential, and callers can remain anonymous.

**Crisis Hotline: 580-234-7644**  
Available in English and Spanish.

### Emergency Shelter

125 survivors and their children spent 1,594 days in our emergency shelter safe from violence and abuse.

YWCA Enid is a safe haven for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and their dependent children. The Crisis Center provides a safe, clean room with access to food, clothing, personal care items, and advocacy. Our goal is to provide emergency shelter for victims in imminent danger. Crisis Center Clients have access to all YWCA Programs.

### Counseling

266 clients received 556 hours of counseling services after experiencing a traumatic life event.

17 clients received 54 hours of group counseling.

YWCA Enid offers free group and individual counseling for victims of traumatic events, and the community at-large. Our Licensed Professional Counselor is trained to respond to various issues while providing non-judgmental support and healthy coping strategies.

### Court Advocacy

Assisted with filing 11 Emergency Protective Orders in Garfield County.

YWCA's trained Court Advocate provides assistance with Emergency Protective Orders, and education on Crime Victims' Rights, for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The Court Advocate is available to accompany victims to legal proceedings for advocacy and emotional support.

### Lethality Assessment

139 Lethality Assessments were received from law enforcement.

A Lethality Assessment helps to prevent domestic violence homicides and serious injuries by identifying victims of domestic violence who are at the highest risk of serious injury or death at the hands of their intimate partner.

Law enforcement officers use the assessment in the field and immediately connect victims to YWCA Enid's emergency shelter.

### Legal Aid

Attorney Tina Hall provided 1,548 hours of Legal Aid assistance to 187 individuals from 88 households. 26 Crisis Center Clients utilized Legal Aid Services.

YWCA Enid partners with Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma to house a full-time attorney on-site. Our attorney helps victims of domestic violence or sexual assault by providing legal services in matters including but not limited to: separation/divorce proceedings, employment, financial and housing problems, protective orders, child custody, and filing bankruptcy.

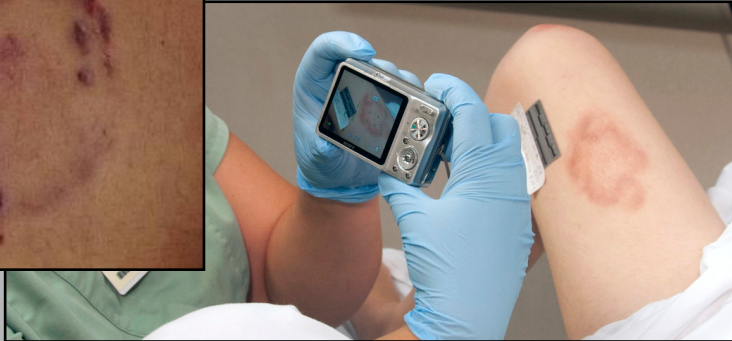
## SANE PROGRAM

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, Michelle Baldwin, RN, performed free forensic exams on 33 Sexual Assault Survivors and 1 Domestic Violence Survivor. She also provided 412 hours of advocacy and completed 58 hours of continuing education.

YWCA Enid has an on-site medical room for our specially trained SANE nurse to provide trauma-informed forensic exams after an assault has occurred. Our SANE nurse documents injuries, collects and preserves evidence, and works with a volunteer SARA (Sexual Assault Response Advocate) to provide resources and support. Any victims of rape, sexual assault, domestic violence, or strangulation can receive a free SANE exam 24/7. YWCA hosts the only SANE program in this area.



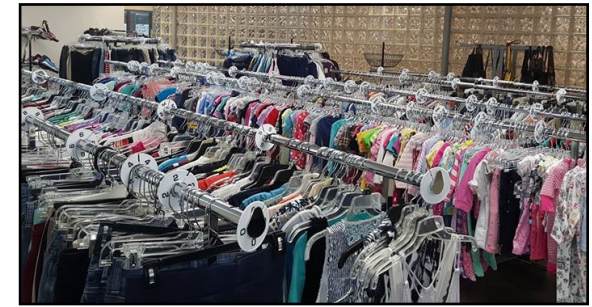
Victims should get medical attention as soon as possible for several reasons, including to check for injuries, prophylactic treatment for sexually transmitted infections, discuss the possibility of pregnancy, and to provide physical evidence for the police if they choose to report the crime.



## MY SISTER'S CLOSET

Provided 17,031 items to 1,855 men, women, and children from 583 households in need of assistance.

390 individuals from 155 households were assisted for the first time this year.



Individuals in need can find clothing and household items at this on-site facility for free. The donated items from the community allow many women and children to get back on their feet when they arrive at our Emergency Shelter with nothing, or when it's time for them to leave and start a new life.

All donations are sorted by hand to ensure the community has the best available options to choose from. All items are available to anyone in need, serving all men, women, and children in our community.



## PROJECT CINDERELLA

Project Cinderella provided free prom dresses and accessories to 124 students.

Project Cinderella is a formal dress closet with 500+ donated formal gowns, shoes, and accessories. Project Cinderella is open to any girl in need of a dress for their school dances.



## WALK A MILE

100 men registered for Walk A Mile in Her Shoes, raising \$10,077.17 to help sexual assault survivors in our community.

Walk A Mile is a playful opportunity for local men to take a stand against violence towards women.

We are thankful for our MAVericks (Men Against Violence)!





## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

YWCA Enid provided 38 presentations and hosted 4 booths at community events, benefiting 3,577 individuals.

At YWCA Enid, we specialize in the 'tough subjects.' Presentation topics include:

- Domestic Violence Awareness
- Sexual Assault & Rape Awareness
- Stalking Awareness
- Teen Dating Violence Awareness
- Healthy Relationships/Safe Relationships Program Awareness
- Volunteer Opportunities



## VOLUNTEERS

96 Volunteers provided over 1,625 hours of service, for a savings of \$11,781.25 in paid wages.

YWCA Enid offers a wide range of activities for anyone willing to give their time and talents to make a difference in the Enid community. Volunteers are vital to the success of YWCA's programs.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

YWCA Staff completed 646.25 hours of continuing education. 3 Victim Advocates completed their education to become a Certified Domestic & Sexual Violence Response Professionals (CDSVRP).

YWCA Staff dedicates much time to continuing education to provide the best, trauma-informed care possible.

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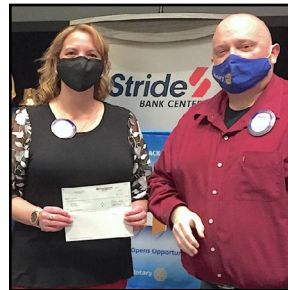


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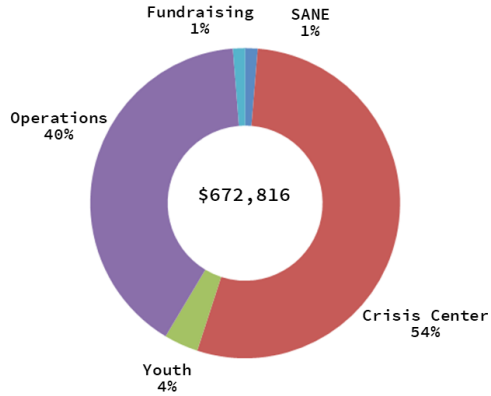
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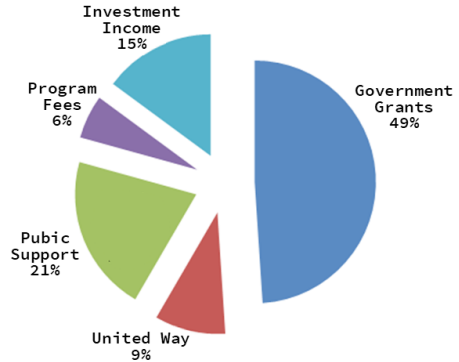
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- Invite a YWCA Enid staff member to speak at your community organization, school, or church for an educational presentation to raise awareness of domestic violence, and educate about YWCA's mission and services.
- Ask your company, church, or civic group to host a donation drive, volunteer day, or simply donate items to the YWCA Enid.

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