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2017 Annual Report
YMCA OF PIERCE AND KITSAP COUNTIES



DEAR FRIENDS,

When you have been a part of an organization like the YMCA for as long as I have, you can't help but develop a deep sense of pride for the work. There is something special about the Y, especially when you get to see and feel the impact of a life transformed. A day rarely goes by that I do not hear about someone positively affected by the Y.

I was recently visiting with a member who was sharing his story with me about how the Y filled a void in his life as a young man, while at the same time receiving a text from another person telling me that he'd lost 150 pounds and was medication-free for the first time in over 15 years. Stories like these have changed my life.

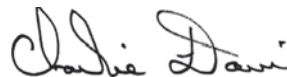
There is also another way that the Y experience is transformative. When a person sees how the Y impacts a young person and then makes the choice to support that work through their generosity, two lives are transformed. To be

present when a person makes the decision to help someone they've never met by donating to the Y is amazing. Giving is a powerful gesture of caring. In the act of giving, we become part of something bigger than ourselves.

When I first arrived in this community in 1983, people were still buzzing about the opening of the Morgan Family YMCA six years earlier. I was privileged to be surrounded by many of the leaders who helped make that dream a reality through their generosity; they were so proud of their role in building a new Y. There is a deep sense of pride in helping others and in deciding to give a gift to your community.

On behalf of the Y, I want to thank you for the investment you have made – it is clear to me how much you care.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charlie Davis
President and CEO



THE Y:
FOR HEALTHY
LIVING

INVESTING IN THE HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY



**31,658
PEOPLE**

received
financial
assistance,
providing
a place to
belong at
the Y.



**29,837
MEALS**

were provided
to youth and
families for free
during Summer
Day Camp.

As a young girl growing up north of Tokyo, Aiko saw ads for the newly rebuilt YMCAs and wanted to go, but her family couldn't afford a membership. After retirement, she was excited to have the opportunity to live simply and donate more to the causes closest to her heart. She bought a small house in Lakewood and started looking for ways to stay active. Her search soon led her to the Lakewood Family YMCA.

"I joined the Y in 1998," Aiko says. "I knew I had to exercise. I was working, but then I retired and all of the sudden, I stopped moving, and I know that's not very good for your health."

For 20 years, Aiko has been coming to the Y four times a week for group exercise classes. She always feels better after working out and it gives her more energy to do the things she loves – walking her dogs around Chambers Bay, painting, and gardening.

At the Y, Aiko has found more than just a place to exercise – she's found a community that feels like family. She has also developed a close bond with one of her instructors, Debra, whose low-impact cardiovascular class she attends two days a week.

Aiko has generously supported the Y for almost a decade. She cares about making sure everyone has the opportunity to experience programs at the Y, especially in the Lakewood community, where the average household income is 34% lower than Washington state. So, when she was asked to help kids whose families couldn't afford to attend Summer Day Camp, she decided to make a significant gift.

"I like to keep my donations local," she says. "I have to give it away, I'm not getting any younger. When you don't have any kids, you try to help someone who needs it. **I feel good when I'm helping somebody.**"



THE Y:
FOR SOCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY

A LIFETIME Y MEMBER GIVES BACK



**8,317
DONORS**

invested
in their
community
with a
donation to
the Y.



**852
PEOPLE**

made positive
life changes
through Life
University
support groups.

Rick Ellingson can't remember a time when the Y wasn't a part of his life. Starting when he was 6 years old, he and his brother would ride the bus from Fircrest to the original Downtown YMCA for swim lessons. He sold peanuts and Ivory soap door to door in his neighborhood to raise money to go to YMCA Camp Seymour each summer. In high school, Rick worked at camp as a counselor in the Outdoor Environmental Education program.

Soon after the Morgan Family YMCA opened, he started playing racquetball regularly at the Y and became part of a group of members who called themselves the Row 2 Ballers.

"They played volleyball – hence the name – and row 2 is the second row in the men's locker room upstairs, where the cool kids would get dressed," Rick says with a laugh. These days, Rick comes more for the relationships than for exercise, though he can sometimes be spotted in the pool at the Tom Taylor Family YMCA in Gig Harbor, where he and his wife take their grandchildren swimming. Still, he remains close to the core group of friends he made when he first joined the Morgan Y, and is deeply committed to supporting the Y's youth development programs.

Beyond those relationships, Rick and his wife give to the Y because of Rick's emotional connection to the values and programs that shaped him as a young person. Rick realized the larger impact of the Y in the community when he learned about the Teen Late Nite program from staff member Phil Carter.

"I'm a strong advocate for anything related to kids, and I think the first thing that resonated strongly with me was Teen Late Nite, because it's just a terrific program," Rick says. "Phil's passion and enthusiasm are infectious. When we started writing bigger checks is when I realized there were bigger things going on."



THE Y:
FOR YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT

CONNECTING TEENS TO POSITIVE ROLE MODELS



**1,540
CHILDREN**

in foster
homes received
free YMCA
memberships.



**4,902
CAMPERS**

made friends,
stayed active,
and learned
Y values at
Summer Day
Camp.

Many of the Y's outreach programs serving youth and teens are funded by the generosity of local donors. Terry Larson is a supporter of the Y's teens programs and has been a member of the Tacoma Center YMCA for more than 30 years. Chris Spivey is the Association Teen Director for the Y.

Q: What is the Juvenile Justice program?

Chris: The mission is to get youth disconnected from the court system and connected to positive resources in the community.

Terry: I like that. Because once you've got a criminal record, you're marked for life. It's going to be hard to get a job just about anywhere.

Q: Chris, how do supporters like Terry help make outreach programs possible?

Chris: When we bring these youth into the YMCA, they're surrounded by positive influences like Terry. If you're around people who can speak life into you, their words can help you create a positive vision for your future. That couldn't be possible without your support, to be honest. Not only do donations help, but the fact that somebody who's worked hard wants to give back, that's immeasurable.

Terry: I think I'm a positive influence. I try to be encouraging, but I put the responsibility right on you. That barbell is not going to lift itself, but when you're young, a lot of these things just seem insurmountable. These kids are looking for somebody, even if they don't admit it.

Q: What is your long-term vision for the Y's teen-focused programs?

Chris: People ask me what I do for a living and I say, I'm an investor. I'm an investor in youth. That's our future. It's important they have good character and integrity so they can continue to move this community – and ultimately city, nation, world – in the right direction. It's a little program, but I think big picture.

Terry: There are a lot of good programs that the YMCA is working on and we need to find ways to support them, so not only can people like Chris keep working on those programs, but also think of new programs.

CELEBRATION OF PHILANTHROPY

Each year, we come together at our Celebration of Philanthropy to honor and recognize the support our donors and volunteers have given to help us serve those who need it most. These four individuals were celebrated for their exceptional service and generosity:

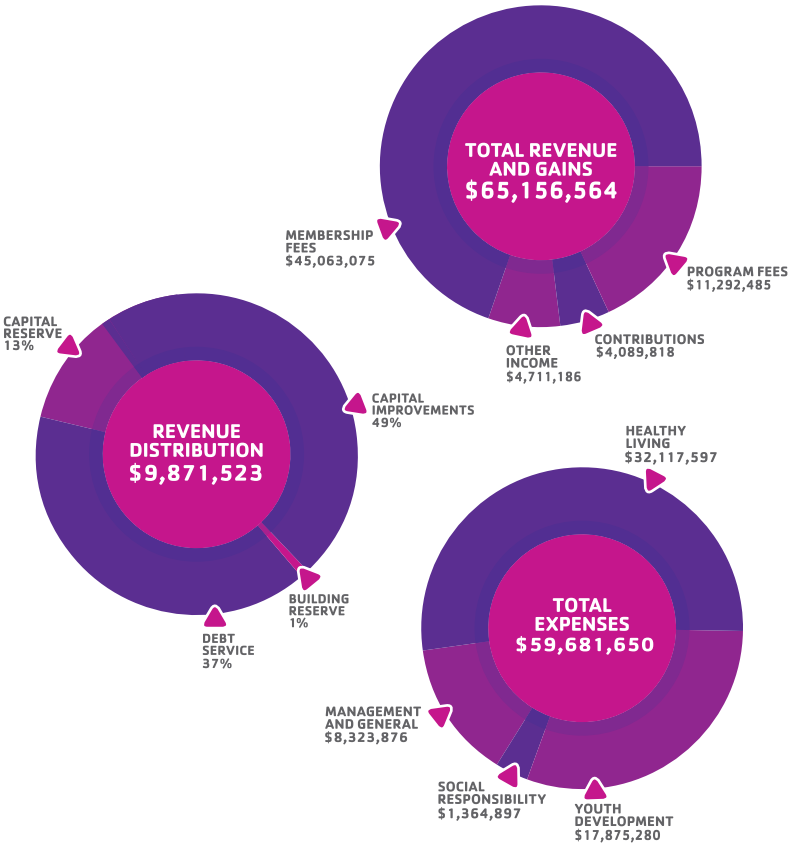


GARY THOMPSON VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

“Each day, I get to spend time with awesome kids and their families, which is the best! Every day brings new opportunities to help make someone happy. The power of a smile and a kind greeting is beyond belief.”

AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

ASSETS	
Cash	\$2,837,381
Investments	\$10,293,173
Receivables	\$5,826,119
Prepaid Expenses	\$215,572
Property and Equipment	\$133,132,280
TOTAL ASSETS	\$152,304,525
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Accounts Payable	\$2,059,807
Other Accruals	\$3,000,331
Notes Payable	\$30,000
Capital Leases	\$871,631
Bond Issues	\$45,342,186
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$51,303,955
NET ASSETS	\$101,000,570
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$152,304,525





JADA SIMPSON YOUTH OF THE YEAR

"In the game, he took the ball and made another shot, and he actually used what I taught him in the game! I was so proud. My heart exploded. I felt as if I was able to help and impact other people."



DAN AND AMY JENKINS PHILANTHROPISTS OF THE YEAR

"That is unbelievable that 8,000 lives can have a camping experience because of one cabin. There are thousands of kids, thousands of experiences, and thousands of stories that happen everyday. It is just spectacular."

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OUR MISSION

To put Christian
principles into
practice through
programs that
build a healthy
spirit, mind and
body for all.

