



eliminating racism
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Mankato

2023 IMPACT REPORT

YWCA MANKATO

OUR MISSION IN ACTION

YWCA Mankato's bold mission is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

Our diverse offering of programs for girls and women underscores our mission.



★ Build ★
Confidence
★ in Girls ★



NEW
AMERICAN
FAMILIES



Connect
Women

A Message from Our Executive Director

2023 was an exciting year for YWCA Mankato and the energy and enthusiasm that our staff exudes every day is inspiring! We are thrilled to be able to share some of our early successes with you in this report.

Being asked to lead this organization has been an absolute honor and as I work alongside my amazing team, we have woven our bold and necessary mission into everything we do, promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

I have asked myself and others more than once “should I be having this much fun as the Executive Director of a non-profit?” and the answer is a resounding “YES.” Its not about the title but the work that YWCA Mankato is and will continue to do, and that constantly excites and motivates me.

I hope that you agree after reading the 2023 Impact Report, that we are writing the next chapter of a bright, vital, and vibrant YWCA Mankato that will sustain long into the future.



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CECELI POLZIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

OUR IMPACT

In 2023, we continued progress through some of our staple programs, and began to dream big about new initiatives to advance our mission.

400+

home visits with immigrant and refugee parents and infants.

The New American Families successfully maintained a full caseload in 2023 with **no staff turnover**, a feat within the industry!

38%

of participants identify as Black.

61%

of participants identify as Latino.

3

brand new programs being developed for girls and gender-expansive youth

81%

of youth participants attended on scholarship

23

women leaders graduated EKWL.

They each spent

63

hours in leadership training.

Our new cohort began in 2023 and includes 28 participants representing a diverse workforce in Southern Minnesota.

IN HER WORDS

We are so grateful to the incredible individuals and families that we are in community with. We aim to support women and girls in creating the lives they envision.



I have connected with many people, and have learned so much useful information.

Handball 2 University Participant



I started a new life here, and the YWCA started helping me with the foundation of it.

New American Families Client



So incredibly thankful for the friends I've met. Priceless.

Leadership Program
Cohort Member

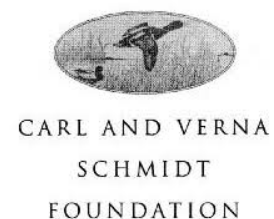
Our Partners

We could not do this work without the support and insight from community partners.



Our Supporters

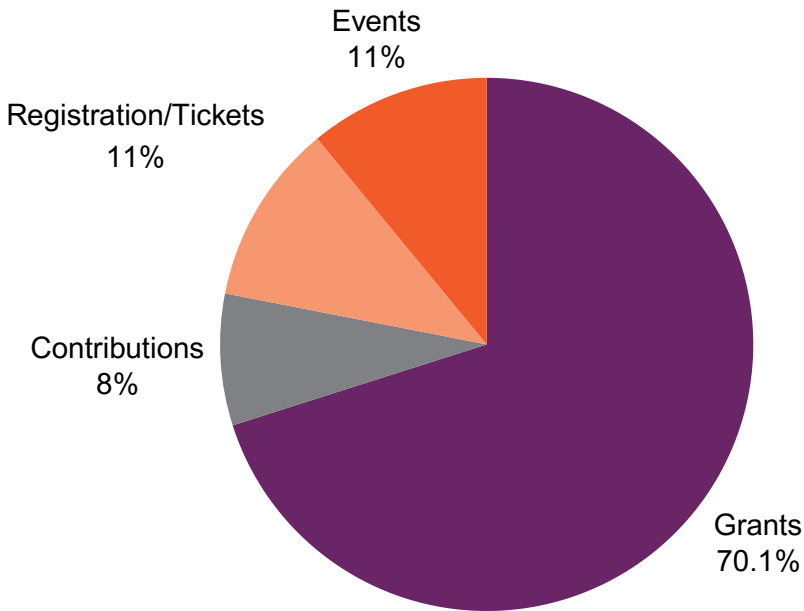
YWCA Mankato is funded primarily through grants. We are so grateful to work with these funders!



FY23 Finances

Board of Directors

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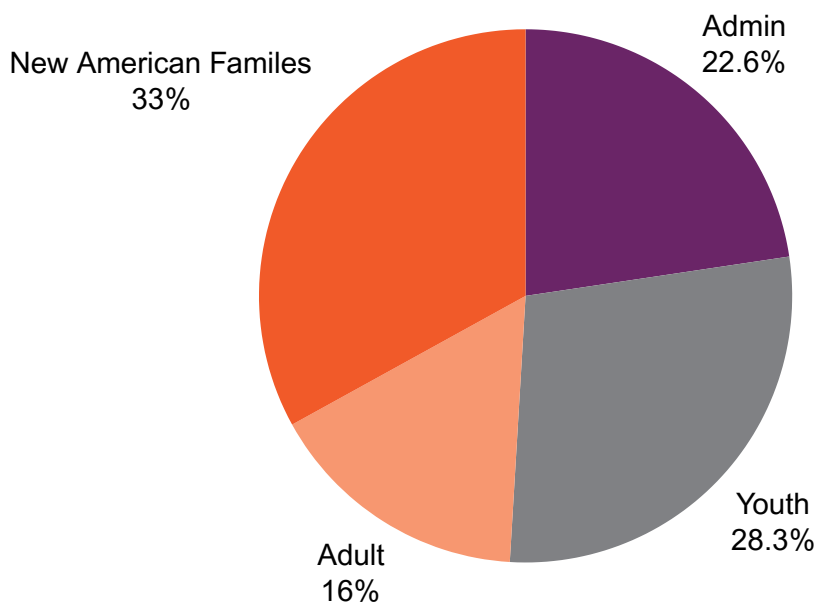


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LOOKING AHEAD

We're thrilled to sustain the momentum from the past year. We've established a solid foundation for 2024, introducing impactful new programs for youth, strengthening our New American Families team, and broadening our advocacy efforts to tackle the structural roots of racial and gender discrimination.



We are a part of building strong community based coalitions within the nonprofits in Southern Minnesota. We are proud to be participants and conveners for social justice!

Our new programs for young people are addressing specific and important areas of focus including mental health.

Whether you can offer your time, funds, or voice to our cause, reach out to us. Your support is *vital* for advancing this important movement in Southern Minnesota.

2024 Events

Women of Distinction - April 25th

Mother's Day 5K - May 11th

Women's Leadership Conference - October 25th

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