About the YWCA Mankato

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

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Locally, the YWCA Mankato is committed to recognizing, developing and celebrating the lives of women.
A Note From Barb

What does one year’s time mean at the YWCA Mankato? How do we measure the impact of our organization over the course of twelve months? Well, first you could look at statistics, many of which you’ll find enclosed in this Annual Report. Please review these stats for a quantifiable snapshot of the past year’s activities. Next you could read some heartfelt stories, several of which are included here as well. They represent a variety of YWCA experiences, and we sincerely thank the individuals who shared them with us.

Finally, you could witness the YWCA’s impact on the faces of our program participants in the many pictures contained within these pages. Because that’s what it’s all about, isn’t it? As you linger over these pictures you will gain a sense of how the YWCA mission truly comes to life in this community. You will see the reflection of support and empowerment in the eyes of the women and girls who bring so much to our organization through their participation in our programs. Without them, without their stories, a year in the life of the YWCA Mankato would mean significantly less. But with them, with their participation, our programs are stronger, deeper, and more impactful than ever before.

So as you read this Annual Report I invite you to see the heart of the YWCA...the impact this organization has had, and continues to have, on thousands of lives within the Greater Mankato community. We are more than the statistics which measure progress toward achieving our mission. We are also the stories and the faces of countless women and girls who know firsthand what your support of, and involvement in, the YWCA has meant to them. And at times, what that has meant is immeasurable.

Thank you for joining us on this journey, and as always for your continued support. Here’s to another powerful and impactful year ahead!

Barb
What's New In 2015

The YWCA is now offering the Girls Inc. Mind+Body Curriculum which supports and promotes the holistic health of 6-8th grade girls.

The YWCA received its first gold star rating on GuideStar.

30 women gathered at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum for the first Women's Leadership Alumnae Retreat in May.

The YWCA held the first-ever Amazing Race fundraiser in July. Teams raced around Mankato to solve clues, find various checkpoints and complete challenges that tested them both physically and mentally.

For the first time, Ready to Learn graduated 10 families from the program in an effort to reach those with the highest need.

In December, the YWCA will host It's Time to Talk: Forums on Race.

This community forum will generate conversations surrounding race and diversity in the Greater Mankato area.
The Power to Believe Campaign & Women’s Fund

The Power to Believe Campaign was launched on May 29, 2014 with a goal to raise $1.5 million dollars for the YWCA. In conjunction with that, the YWCA also announced the establishment of the YWCA Women’s Fund, an endowment through the Mankato Area Foundation.

The endowment fund will provide the YWCA with a secure source of funds for the enrichment of our programs and the stability of our organization. The development and growth of the endowment will ensure the YWCA remains a presence in this community for years to come.

We invite you to be a part of our legacy.

The YWCA Mankato encourages you to consider a pledge or planned gift to support the current programs and invest in the future needs of the organization. Some of our donors have found that including the YWCA Mankato in their estate plan allows them to give a greater gift than they ever thought possible.

For more information, contact Sam Schirmers at sam@ywcamankato.org or (507) 386-2183 or visit www.mankatoywca.org/ways-give
Girls on the Run | Girls Inc.
SURGE | Girls on the Run 5k
Key Accomplishments

249 volunteers dedicated 6,077 hours to our girls programming mission area.

210 girls participated in Girls on the Run. $4,465 was awarded in scholarships to 61 area girls.

36 girls participated in Girls Inc. 41% of participants received a full or partial scholarship.

109 girls participated in SURGE. 100% of participants received a full scholarship.

800+ runners crossed the finish line of the 6th Annual YWCA Girls on the Run 5k.

$12,000+ was raised to help continue the YWCA's work to empower young girls.
Women’s Leadership

Elizabeth Kearney Women’s Leadership Program
Women’s Leadership Alumnae
Women of Distinction | SHERO Awards
Women’s Leadership Conference
Women & Wine
Key Accomplishments

113 volunteers dedicated 1,357 hours to our women’s leadership mission.

21 women graduated from the Elizabeth Kearney Women’s Leadership Program.

325+ community members attended Women of Distinction to honor Sue Frost, Cheryl Hamond, Julie Hawker and Eide Bailly. $45,000+ was raised to help recognize, develop and celebrate the lives of women.

14 SHERO Awards were presented to women who make a significant and positive impact in our community.

240 women attended the Women’s Leadership Conference. 4 Emerging Leader Scholarships were given to women. The event raised $21,000+ for the YWCA’s Women’s Leadership Development efforts.

50+ women gathered at Pub 500 throughout the year for a fun and relaxing atmosphere of networking at YWCA’s Women & Wine.
Key Accomplishments

68 volunteers dedicated 2,360 hours to the New American Families mission area.

7 families were served through Walking in Two Worlds providing 1:1 support and connecting them to partner agencies to ensure their basic needs are met.

The YWCA served 120 children and their mothers in the Ready to Learn program using a curriculum that helps with kindergarten preparedness. This program also helps mothers understand the educational system requirements and expectations.

Of the children that finished the Ready to Learn program and entered into kindergarten, 78% scored in the normal or above normal developmental range on their final Ages & Stages assessment.

The New American Families programming is funded 100% through contributions and grants. 90% of the families served in 2014 have a total household income of $20,000 or less. Families enrolled in Walking in Two Worlds and Ready to Learn do not pay program fees to participate.
Individuals and Family Funds
Includes gifts from January 1, 2014-December 31, 2014

Visionaries $25,000+

Directors $10,000-$24,999
Kay & Lyle Jacobson

Partners $5,000-$9,999

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A special note to our supporters
We are deeply grateful for your contributions. Every effort has been
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Mankato Area Foundation
Medica Foundation
The Sheltering Arms Foundation

Mentors $1,000-$4,999
Consolidated Communications
Mankato Clinic Foundation
Mayo Clinic Health System
Scheels
Valley News Company Charity Fund
Xcel Energy

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"Dear All Media:  
. . . What are your beauty standards?  
We feel that women & girls should be able to be themselves without 
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Sincerely,

YWCA Girls Inc.

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Coffee Hag
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Thrivent Financial
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**Visionaries $25,000+**
- Mayo Clinic Health System
- Northwestern Mutual
- Snell Motors
- Toppers Plus
- US Bank
- United Prairie Bank
- Wells Fargo
- Women’s Night Out (Zonta, Business Professional Women, Women Executives in Business)
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- Minnesota Valley Federal Credit Union
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- The Shopko Foundation
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- Jerry’s Body Shop

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- Brown & Brown Insurance
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- Zonta Club of Mankato

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- DigiLy Radio
- Eide Bailly
- Events & Expos
- Exclusively Diamonds
- Flowers by Jeanie
- Hilton Garden Inn
- Home Magazine
- Minnesota State University, Mankato
- Najwa’s Catering
- Navitor
- Pathstone Catering
- Pepsi-Cola of Mankato
- Pioneer Bank
- Pub 500
- Radio Mankato
- Region Nine Development Commission
- River Valley Woman
- South Central College
- Sowelu Institute
- St. Peter Food Co-Op
- The Courtyard by Marriott
Tribute Gifts  Includes gifts from January 1, 2014-December 31, 2014

In Honor/In Memory
Sandra Abild in honor of Myrtle Gieseke
Tawnda & Shawn Andrews in honor of daughters, Evelyn & Ella
Anonymous in honor of Ana Ovalle
Anonymous in memory of Elizabeth Kearney
Suzanne Bunkers in memory of Christy Steele
Suzanne Bunkers in memory of Emma Jean Woods
Fabulous Firefly in honor of Dorothy Jean Ferguson
Brenda Flannery in honor of Dr. Nancy Morey
Jill Gates in memory of Evelyn Rolin
Kyliya Komaridis in honor of Sheri Sander-Silva
Mary Lou & Ralph Kudela in honor of Cecile Kudela
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Deb Bennett

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Girls Programming
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Gabby Nelson
Rachel Fenske

Women’s Leadership Development
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Chelsea Van Lanen

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Nina Nguyen
Erin Roberts
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Ameia Anderson
Melissa Anderson
Alyssa Baker
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Faith Beiswanger
Alyssa Blair
Jessica Braaten
Kaylee Brandt
Abby Bratsch
Samantha Broughten
Lisa Christian*
Caylie Clarke
Vicki Demikh
Kelsey Dion
Jenny Doering
Alizabeth Ellering
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Makala Hansen
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Yarilien Hernandez
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Amanda Hoehn
Alysa Hoppner
Breanna Houselog
Kyl Htway
Jessica Ingbritson
Jenna Jacobs
Paige Jacobs
Holly Johnson
Katie Johnson
Shannon Kelly
Kyle Kessler
Melissa Ketchum
Kaitlyn Kleiber
Frances Klopfleisch
Emily Knappczyk
Lauren Kross
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Katy Kvasnicka
Rebecca Lamkin
Carmono Lane
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Haylee Lundquist
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Catherine Penning
Hannah Peterson
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Mikayla Sycks
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Jolene Wall
Kristin Weber
Katie Weidner
Krista Wermerskirchen
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Ebony Wilson-Sinkfield
Casey Wussow
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"As a coach, seeing their joy as they crossed the finish line at the 5k was fantastic!"
Girls Inc. Mentors
Shannon Balthman
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* Indicates those who volunteered more than one season

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Meet Kevin Burns

“The YWCA builds foundational elements in young girls. They start from within and develop character, appreciation, and value so that they are better prepared to make informed, wise, and healthy choices about the messages they receive externally—and that lasts a lifetime.”

As the father of two young girls, Kevin Burns is grateful for all that the YWCA Mankato has provided for his family. “As a father, I didn’t get an instruction manual,” Kevin said. “But my daughter’s experience with the YWCA has made me a better parent.”

Kevin has watched one of his daughters progress through the YWCA’s Girls on the Run program, and he believes that it has been a vital asset to her development. “It is important that young girls have positive role models, opportunities to grow as young women, and tools and resources to lead by example,” Kevin said. “Girls on the Run is led, organized, and implemented primarily by young women, and my daughter could have fun and learn important lessons from it—lessons about things like self-esteem, inner strength, bullying, and all aspects of beauty.”

Kevin believes Girls on the Run has given his daughter much more than the ability to run a race. “The YWCA builds foundational elements in young girls,” Kevin said. “They start from within and develop character, appreciation, and value so that they are better prepared to make informed, wise, and healthy choices about the messages they receive externally—and that lasts a lifetime.”
Meet Kelli Hanson Magnuson

"The [Women's Leadership] program capitalizes on what your strengths are, and helps you figure out what you need to do in order to implement those strengths in your life."

By her mid-20's, Kelli Hanson Magnuson was juggling her life as a mother and graduate student at Minnesota State University, Mankato, but was unsure of where life was taking her. "I was confused," Kelli said. "At that stage in your life, when you've gone from institution to institution, you come out of it and think, 'Who am I?' It was an identity crisis."

During this transitional period, Kelli's friends recommended she attend the Elizabeth Kearney Women's Leadership Program at the YWCA Mankato. Friends told her the program would crystalize her strengths and sharpen the direction of her life path.

"We spend a lot of time concentrating on our weaknesses and what we can improve upon, so this program was appealing to me because it turns that notion on its head," Kelli said. "The program capitalizes on what your strengths are, and helps you figure out what you need to do in order to implement those strengths in your life."

Kelli also believes she would not have had the courage to start her own small business without the program. "I would have been more inclined to follow the conventional way of doing things," Kelli said. "It taught me to instead forge my own creative path and do what is right for my family and for myself."

Above all, the Women's Leadership Program taught Kelli to be confident in who she is and what she can give back to the world. "It taught me to be brave, to be bold, and to not apologize for who I am," Kelli said. "And that is worth its weight in gold."
Meet Sue Frost

"The YWCA touches many different people of different cultures. It helps New American families integrate into the community, it builds on respect, and it focuses on education."

Sue Frost has been an active member of the Zonta Club of Mankato for many years, so she has always had a passion for empowering women in the community.

Because of her involvement in the community and as a former nurse, Sue was naturally interested when she heard that the YWCA was initiating its Ready to Learn program. She immediately wanted to get involved. "I had lived abroad and I was used to making home visits to families from different cultures," Sue said, "So I knew this would be right up my alley."

Sue was part of the Ready to Learn pilot program, and she helped shape the program into what it is today. "It has grown into a structured curriculum, and it has really built up momentum now. These families appreciate having someone accept their culture, and they appreciate the resources the program provides," Sue said.

After her experience with the YWCA, Sue firmly believes in everything that the organization stands for and the services it provides for the Mankato community. "The YWCA touches many different people of different cultures. It helps New American families integrate into the community, it builds on respect, and it focuses on education," Sue said. "There are just so many avenues that the YWCA works with, and that's why it is so successful."

Share your story!

We would love to hear how the YWCA has impacted you or a loved one. Email stories to ywca@ywcamankato.org.
Meet Kevin Velasquez

"I joined the YWCA Board shortly after my first daughter was born. I remember seeing some troubling statistics about young girls and suicide in Mankato that had just been released and I wanted to get more involved in an organization that empowers young girls. I feel proud and privileged to have been a part of the tremendous growth of the YWCA over the past six years, and to have seen how it impacts the lives of so many people."

~Kevin Velasquez, Board member

Meet Cindy Steiner

"I decided I didn’t need a new SUV. Instead, I chose to direct the monthly payments budgeted towards a higher purpose; a gift of life insurance to the YWCA, a nonprofit that means a great deal to me. The policy I have was incredibly easy to set up and is irrevocably owned by a community foundation. I get a current tax deduction for the premiums paid and the YWCA will someday get the tax-free death benefit from the foundation. Not only does it feel like the right thing to do, but I think all legacy donors will agree with me when I say it gives me great satisfaction and pleasure."

~Cindy Steiner, donor
Financial Overview

YWCA Mankato
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
Year ended December 31, 2014

OPERATING REVENUE
Contributions, special events $ 205,764
United Way $ 76,500
Grants $ 111,817
Program Service Fees $ 74,394
In-Kind Donation $ 33,938
Other Income $ 11,621

Total Operating Revenue $ 514,034

OPERATING EXPENSES
New American Families $ 108,713
Girls Programming $ 137,899
Women's Leadership $ 111,930
Management and general expenses $ 146,162
Fundraising $ 40,161

Total Operating Expenses $ 544,865

EARNINGS BEFORE INVESTING GAINS (LOSSES) $ (30,831)

Investment Returns $ 11,583

Total Investing Gains (Losses) $ 11,583

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS $ (19,248)
Financial Overview

YWCA Mankato
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2014

ASSETS
Cash and cash equivalents $ 205,500
Pledges $ 8,600
Prepaid expenses and inventory $ 8,823
Investments $ 41,593
Property and equipment, net $ 15,634
Assets owned by others
(Endowment Fund) $ 548,975
Total Assets $ 829,125

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS LIABILITIES
Accounts payable, accrued expenses $ 19,576
Total Liabilities $ 19,576

NET ASSETS
Unrestricted $ 742,047
Temporarily restricted $ 35,041
Permanently restricted $ 32,461
Total Net Assets $ 809,549
Total Liabilities and Net Assets $ 829,125
Financial Overview

2014 Operating Revenue

- Contributions, special events: 40%
- Grants: 22%
- United Way: 15%
- Program Service Fees: 14%
- Other Income: 2%
- In-Kind Donation: 7%

2014 Operating Expenses

- Girls Programming: 25%
- New American Families: 20%
- Management and general expenses: 21%
- Fundraising: 7%
- Women's Leadership: 21%
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