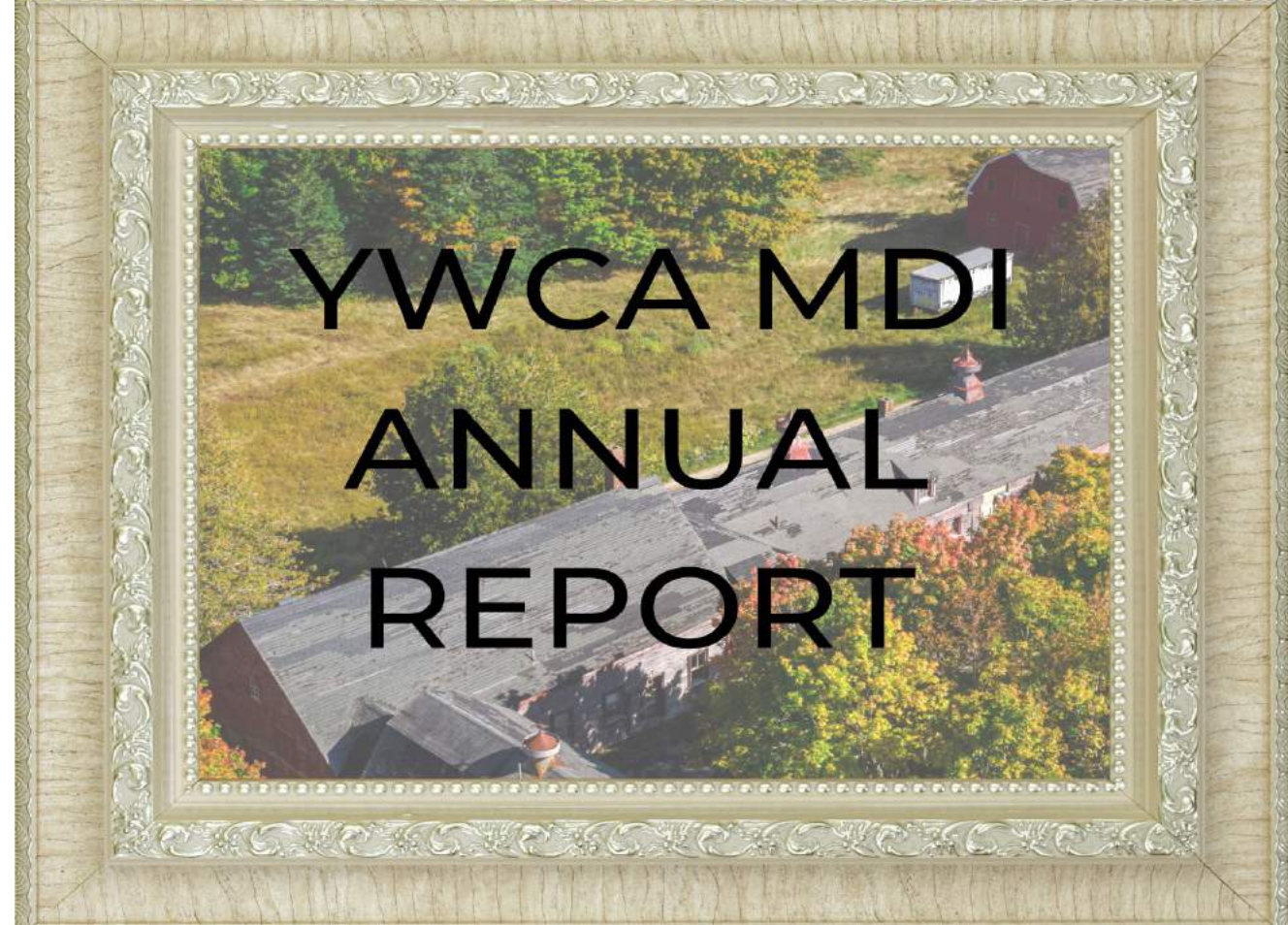




Luminaria bag from the 21st Annual Carol Dyer Memorial Luminaria Evening



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## Message from the Executive Director

Dear Members and Friends,

Our mission of *eliminating racism and empowering women* is becoming bolder! YWCA MDI has partnered with an increasing number of groups and organizations to celebrate diversity, particularly a Juneteenth event in Ellsworth. Our outreach through the Benni Fund continues to increase as well.

While maintaining our long-time programming, the extreme need for housing in our community was a focus throughout the year. While most of the planning and work to put together a purchase of property happened in 2022, in the spring of 2023 YWCA MDI was able to purchase what is known locally as Hamilton station, in Salisbury Cove. This is the beginning of a long-term project to provide mixed-use or attainable, housing.

We will be busy to say the least. These are challenging times ahead and with continued financial support and volunteer assistance, it will happen.

Sincerely,


*Jackie*

Jackie Davidson  
Executive Director

(cover photo Hamilton Station, Bar Harbor ~ courtesy of Swan Agency Real Estate)

A COMFORT ZONE SINCE 1913 FOR A GOOD NIGHT'S REST

WE OFFER SAFE  
AND AFFORDABLE  
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## DID YOU KNOW?

- YWCA MDI is the only YWCA that offers lodging in Maine
- Approximately 125 women & girls stay with us each year
- We provide direct assistance for women & girls in need
- Over the years thousands have passed through our doors

**YWCA MDI IS ABLE TO OFFER ROOMS AT AFFORDABLE RATES AS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ACTUAL COSTS AND ROOM FEES ARE OFFSET WITH GENEROUS DONATIONS AND WITH INFUSIONS FROM AN ENDOWMENT FUND**

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



Pledge to Eliminate Racism in My Life

**M**indful of the continuing affliction of institutional and structural racism as well as the daily realities of all forms of bias, prejudice, and bigotry in my own life, my family, my circle of friends, my co-workers, and the society in which I live, with conviction and hope:

I take this pledge, fully aware that the struggle to eliminate racism will not end with a mere pledge but calls for an ongoing transformation within myself and the institutions and structures of our society.

I pledge to look deeply and continuously in my heart and in my mind to identify all signs and vestiges of racism; to rebuke the use of racist language and behavior towards others; to root out such racism in my daily life and in my encounters with persons I know and with strangers I do not know; and to expand my consciousness to be more aware and sensitive to my use of overt and subtle expressions of racism and racial stereotypes;

I pledge to educate myself on racial justice issues and share what I learn in my own communities even if it means challenging my family, my partner, my children, my friends, my co-workers, and those I encounter on a daily basis.

I pledge, within my means, to actively work to support public policy solutions that prominently, openly, and enthusiastically promote racial equity in all aspects of human affairs; and to actively support and devote my time to YWCA, as well as other organizations working to eradicate racism from our society.

YWCA USA is on a mission to eliminate racism and empower women. I join YWCA in taking a stand against racism today and every day.

*\*This pledge has been adapted by YWCA USA from the Pledge to Eliminate Racism in My Life, YWCA Bergen County which is an adaptation of the Pledge to Heal Racism in My Life, Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace, April 10, 2006.*

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## 2021 Audited Financials



### Income

Philanthropic	\$438,292
Program fees	58,047
Grants, Including SBA	6,500
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$502,839</b>

### Expenses

Management & General	\$125,452
Programs	341,409
Fundraising	38,357
<b>Total expense</b>	<b>\$505,218</b>

2022 audited financial statements will be available in November 2023

## Volunteer Power 2022

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Erin Allen	Stephanie Griffith	Keaghan Sutherland
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## PROGRAMS THAT ADVANCE OUR MISSION

- ~YWCA MDI enhances the quality of life for women and girls by offering safe, affordable lodging
- ~We offer scholarships for non-traditional courses of study, for leadership training, and for high school girls
- ~The Benni Fund provides aid to eligible single moms & their families
- January 13~ Downeast Diversity Talk with Alyne Cistone and Abdi Nor Iftin co-hosted with the Jesup Memorial Library & MDI Racial Equity Working Group
- February 10~ Virtual talk with children's book author and illustrator Anne Sibley O'Brien "Mirrors & Lenses: Tools for Shifting the Conversation on Race" co-hosted with the Jesup Memorial Library & MDI Racial Equity Working Group
- March 10~ talk with Dr. Myron Beasley "Dreamers, Dreams, and Tall Tales: Malaga and Maine's 'Unspoken' History" co-hosted by the Jesup Memorial Library & MDI Racial Equity Working Group
- March 24~ Women's History Month Essay Contest
- April 14~ Virtual Talk: "Small Tribe Left Behind" with Richard Silliboy, Vice Chief of the Mi'kmaq Nation co-hosted with the Jesup Memorial Library & MDI Racial Equity Working Group
- April 30~ Begin By Believing "Share and Tell" for sexual/stalking abuse survivors co-hosted by AMHC
- May 21~ Dollars for Scholars Rummage Sale to raise money for the scholarships we provide that support women and girls
- June 11~ Youth Pride Dance
- June 19~ Juneteenth Celebration, Knowlton Park, Ellsworth cohosted by Downeast Diversity, The Exercise Design Lab, NAACP, Black Spirit 4-Life, Mano en Mano, Healthy Acadia, WERU 89.9
- December 13~ Linda's Resource Locker Workshop~ Funding Sources for Families Struggling Financially

## PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY



- ~YWCA MDI members are welcome to attend *Strong Women Exercise Class* with Cas Dowden all year long in-person or via Zoom on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9 am
- January~ we had a *Martin Luther King Jr., Day of Warmth Sweatpants & Sweatshirt Drive* to benefit Emmaus Center and Maine Seacoast Mission
- March~ was our 8th Annual International Women's Day Rose Sale where funds are raised so that we can continue to support our mission
- April~ volunteer brunch & Annual Meeting
- May~ YWCA MDI sponsored a *Childcare Appreciation Day Tea* for child care workers in our community
- ~We led a *Silent Vigil for Uvalde, TX* on the Bar Harbor Village Green
- June~ there was a *Youth Pride Dance* for local kids with DJ Poptart
- August~ was the *21<sup>st</sup> Annual Carol Dyer Memorial Luminaria* evening. All proceeds benefited the MDI Hospital Infusion Center
- November~ we had a *Community Thanksgiving Dinner* 
- December~ we held our annual *Children's Bazaar* "This was always a highlight of the Christmas season for us we so enjoyed helping out with this event" ~ Karen Wayne Sprague
- ~Licensed Social Worker Linda Lunt joined the YWCA MDI and started *Linda's Resource Locker* for in-person meetings & workshops to help those who need assistance in obtaining services