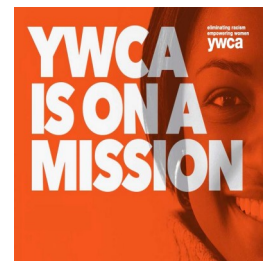




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Message from the Executive Director

Dear Members and Friends,

No doubt every organization is looking back at 2020 with completely different stories than in years before. YWCA MDI is no exception. While we were able to hold a girls' overnight for the MLK birthday weekend, and a Valentine Tea, and follow through with our International Women's Day Rose Sale, we made the decision to close the building to the public, including lodgers, in mid-March. Twelve women, all year-round lodgers, remained throughout the year, and staff tried various working arrangements, including working from home.

Many of the changes we made due to Coronavirus/COVID-19 had a negative impact; there were, however, things that proved to be uplifting and positive. Our beloved Benni McMullen passed away and to remember and honor her 39+ years as Executive Director, we created the "Benni Fund" and dedicated gifts made to the Fund to help single mothers who were struggling financially due to the pandemic. The number of people who donated to the Fund was heartening, and assistance was given to over twenty single mothers living in our communities.

Events and programs were re-arranged and structured differently to comply with Maine CDC regulations. The annual Carol Dyer Luminaria took place on the Village Green; there were four pie sales, a Dollars for Scholars rummage sale, and a modified Children's Christmas Bazaar. A new event was added, again to assist families who were experiencing financial challenges due to the pandemic – the Parent Shoppe, pictured on the front of this bulletin. Thanks to a generous grant from the Witham Family Hotels Charitable Fund, gift items for children up to age 18 were available for parents.

The staff of YWCA MDI is to be applauded and celebrated for their creativity in making changes to accommodate the situation. Much time and energy were dedicated to making the events as safe as possible.

The challenges 2020 brought added extra insight into opportunities for YWCA MDI to offer direct services to those who need them. Community outreach, as well as additional subsidies for our lodgers, grew in scope. We will be guided by these situations as we look ahead. While we do not know what lies ahead, we will rise to whatever new challenges are presented, with the same commitment that has defined YWCA MDI for over a hundred years. This we pledge to do, with your continued help.

Peace,

Jackie

Jackie Davidson
Executive Director

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Pledge to Eliminate Racism in My Life

Mindful 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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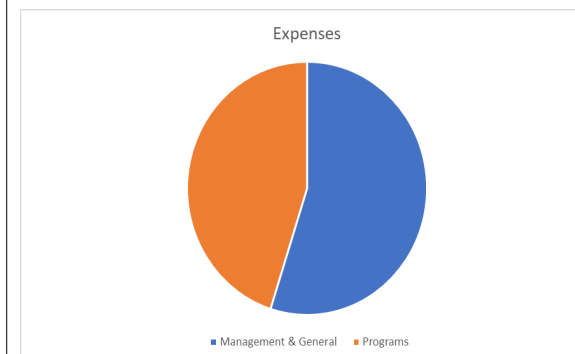
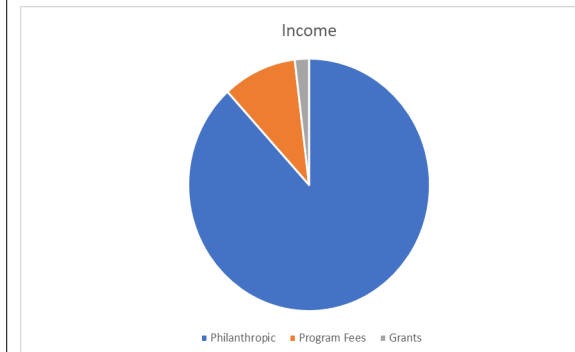
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Program fees	\$ 41,496
Grants	\$ 8,000
Total income	\$419,261

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Programs	\$197,487
Total expense	\$438,232

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