

YWCA IS ON A MISSION

2025

Annual Report YWCA Hamilton



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From the President



As Board President, I am proud to reflect on a year of remarkable impact and resilience for YWCA Hamilton. Our Permanent Supportive Housing program achieved high performance in the Balance of State, our Domestic Violence Shelter ranked among the top in outcomes statewide, and our FIERCE youth program continues to be highly successful in our public schools. HERstory and HERitage reached new heights as our largest international community festival—showcasing local female LEGENDS, youth talent, uplifting small businesses, and ending with a dynamic benefit concert by En Vogue. These accomplishments are a testament to the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and community partners who work tirelessly to advance our mission of eliminating racism and empowering women.

While funding challenges tested us, they also underscored our unwavering commitment to eliminating racism and empowering women. We continue to stand at the forefront of advocacy, innovation, and direct service, ensuring that YWCA Hamilton remains a place of safety, growth, and empowerment. We continue to build opportunity and hope—creating lasting impact for Hamilton and beyond.

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A Letter from Our CEO



YWCA Hamilton remains a beacon of safety, hope, and healing for survivors of domestic violence, their children, and even their pets. We serve as the "ICU of housing" for chronically homeless adults with disabilities, offering critical support and stability. Through our programs and educational initiatives, we work to prevent childhood abuse and empower youth to become the resilient leaders of tomorrow.

Our mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all is not just a statement. It is the driving force behind everything we do.

We face uncertainty around future grant funding, and our Board and staff are navigating these shifting conditions with resilience and resolve. The people we serve are counting on us—to save lives, to offer hope, and to guide them toward a better future.

We will not give up. We envision a world rooted in acceptance, opportunity, and equity. YWCA Hamilton will continue this work until institutions are transformed and the most vulnerable among us—including women, girls, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color—are seen as we see them:
Equal. Powerful. Unstoppable.

Respectfully,

WENDY WATERS-CONNELL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Financial Overview

* unaudited



SUPPORT & REVENUE

Contributions and Grants	\$1,638,130
Program Service Revenue	\$25,796
Investment Income	\$260,245
Other Income	\$198,092

TOTAL INCOME	\$2,122,263
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EXPENSE

Program	\$1,674,673
Management and General	\$261,020
Fundraising	\$4,737
Other Expense	\$45,609

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,986,039
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BALANCE SHEET

Current Assets	\$2,640,342
Fixed Assets	\$2,231,471
Other Assets	\$1,917,389

TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,789,202
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Current Liabilities	\$136,635
Long Term Liabilities	\$878,203

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,014,838
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EQUITY	\$5,774,364
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Mission

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YWCA Hamilton

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

Vision

We envision a world of acceptance, opportunity, and equity.

We will work until justice just is; until institutions are transformed; until the world sees women, girls, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color the way we do...

**Equal.
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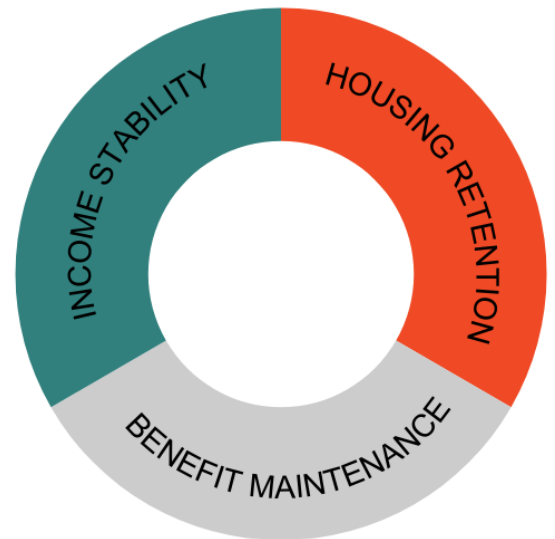
Impact





Goodman Place: A Year of Support and Success

Our program focuses 3 goals:



Goodman Place served 57 chronically homeless disabled individuals:

1. 82% of these residents maintained their housing for one year or more.
2. Over 65% of residents established or maintained a stable income.
3. Residents received intensive case management to build resilience and a sense of belonging to a community of peers.

At YWCA Hamilton, we believe everyone deserves a home—and we remain steadfast in our mission to make that a reality.

Becky spent five years in the PSH program. She secured full-time employment and purchased a vehicle. She became president of the resident council, building strong peer relationships and belonging. Becky transitioned into stable housing in the community—an inspiring testament to resilience and the impact of supportive housing.





Dove House: *Shelter for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Violence, Human Trafficking*

We offer a path to safety and healing

Since 1979, Dove House has stood as a pillar of safety and support for survivors of domestic violence in Butler County. Our state-of-the-art facility includes 15 private, fully furnished one-bedroom apartments, providing survivors, their dependent children, AND PETS, with a secure and supportive environment.

Our work is rooted in the belief that survivor safety and empowerment are essential to long-term healing. By increasing access to shelter and essential services, we help survivors rebuild their lives with greater stability, independence, and hope.

DOVE HOUSE HAS PROVIDED:

Over 10,000 bed nights of safe shelter.

More than 2,400 crisis line calls answered with compassion and urgency.

Comprehensive services including safety planning, victim advocacy, support groups, emergency food and clothing, and referrals for safe affordable housing.

A mother of four arrived with injuries that were not visible. Her children and their pet were traumatized and anxious. With the support of our team, she secured a safe, three-bedroom apartment. Additional resources helped furnish the space, including new beds. She now has a future without violence, time to heal, and a stronger sense of hope and peace...

because of YWCA Hamilton.



**RACIAL
JUSTICE
CHALLENGE**

Racial and Social Justice Program

We believe that true justice requires more than changing hearts and minds, it demands the transformation of systems, communities, and public policy.

Health & Safety:

199 community members and healthcare professionals viewed Toxic: A Black Woman's Story, a powerful educational film that explores the impact of racism on Black maternal health and infant mortality

5000 students participated in age-appropriate sexual abuse prevention education, equipping them with knowledge and tools to stay safe

Education & Youth Empowerment:

164 young people experiencing violence, abuse, or trauma given education and coping strategies

5 local organizations provided training, consultation, and equity assessments

15 students at Miami University, through nonpartisan voter education, engaged in civic discussions and voter registration

Empowerment & Economic Advancement:

1,700 attendees and featuring 40 international and minority-owned businesses and 12 cultural performances, HERstory and HERitage Festival and Concert

50 community members engaged in honoring Black history at Juneteenth

**"Struggle is a never-ending process.
Freedom is never really won;
you earn it and win it in every generation."**

— Coretta Scott King



HERstory & HERitage

Celebrating Women,
Culture, and Community
March 8, 2025



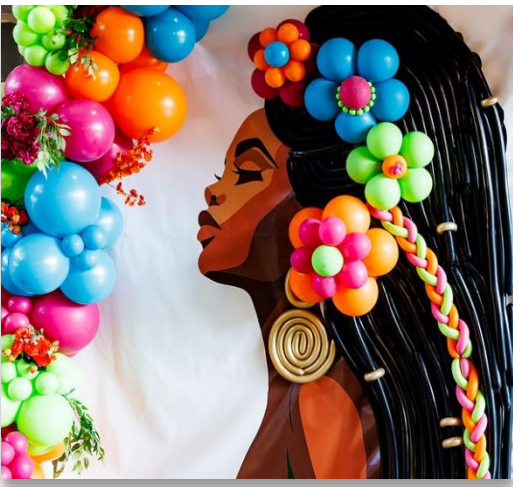
YWCA Hamilton hosted the inaugural HERstory & HERitage International Community Festival, a vibrant celebration of women's achievements and global cultures. Held at the Champion Mill Conference Center at Spooky Nook, the event welcomed attendees from across Butler County and beyond. The festival honored ten transformational women whose leadership and advocacy have shaped our community by their courage, vision, and enduring impact:

Dr. Julia Goodman
Eva Lande
Ann Antenen
Nellie Craig Walker
Virginia Ritan

Shakila Ahmad
Jackie Phillips Carter
Kathy Klink
Katherine Rumph Cole Butler
Kelli Kurtz



A Night of Music and Meaning



As the sun set, the celebration of our female Legends continued with an intimate fundraising concert headlined by legendary R&B group En Vogue. The powerful group brought energy, elegance, and empowerment to the stage. Opening the concert were The Cunningham Sisters, Hamilton's own rising stars, adding a hometown touch to an unforgettable evening.

This event will be one for the books—combining global and local talent to celebrate empowerment, culture, and community.

-Neil Cohen,
Treasurer,
YWCA Hamilton
Board of Directors



As we reflect on this remarkable year, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of our donors, partners, volunteers, and community members. *But our work is far from over.* With your continued generosity, we can expand our reach, deepen our impact, and ensure that every person we serve thrives. Please consider making a financial gift today—because when we invest in equity, we invest in a future where all are...Equal. Powerful. Unstoppable.

Thank you!



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Butler County Board of Commissioners
Butler County Family and Children First Council
Butler County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Services
Butler County United Way
Charles & Margaret W Koehler Fund
City of Hamilton
Cohen Recycling
Community Design Alliance
Empowering Spaces
First Financial Bank, in partnership with CREA
Greater Cincinnati Foundation
Hamilton Community Foundation
Harry T. Wilks Family Foundation
KeyBank Foundation
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