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After School Program

The YWCA After School Program started in January with 26 participants from Howe Elementary School. The program will eventually be expanded to serve 40 students ages 6 to 12. The After School program deals with life issues such as peer pressure, alcohol and drugs, bullying and provides other activities designed to build self-esteem, establish wholesome relationships and foster self-respect. The children were not being served by other area after school programs, and this structure during out of school time will help them make better choices.

New Women of Vision!

Welcome to our newest Women of Vision donors! Thank you for supporting the over 7,000 women and children who benefit from YWCA programs annually. All Women of Vision are featured on a donor list that is published and distributed throughout the year.

Friend: *Kate Burgess*
Jennifer Dieter

Join Women of Vision! A gift of \$125 or more will be recognized on our donor list, and you will join hundreds of women who help transform lives and make a difference in our community every year. Please use the enclosed envelope to make your gift today.

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Spring 2011

Women of Vision Luncheon

The Women of Vision Luncheon has been a part of YWCA Green Bay – De Pere’s history for many years. It is an opportunity for our Women of Vision to come together and celebrate the difference they’ve made in the lives of women and children by supporting the YWCA. They will join prospective Women of Vision and men on May 3, 2011 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Rock Garden in Green Bay. We have selected Rock Garden as the new location to better accommodate the size and structure of this year’s event.

The emcee for this year’s Luncheon is WLUK-TV FOX 11 News Anchor Rachel Manek. Rachel and others will speak about their connections to the YWCA in an inspirational and engaging way. Guests will hear directly from people who have benefited from YWCA services and witness the first ever Women’s Closet Fashion Show! The event will also feature a raffle with fabulous prizes.

We will also honor women in our community through our traditional Dedications of the Day. For a minimum gift of \$125, you can honor a woman who has made an impact in your life and/or the lives of others. Contact Jennifer at (920) 432-5581 or visit our website by April 15, 2011 to pay tribute to a special woman at this year’s event.

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Tickets are \$50 per person or \$500 for a table of ten. Online registration is now available and invitations will be sent in April. Please visit our website: www.ywcagreenbay.org for more information.

Pool Patron Society

The YWCA has a reputation of having the “best swimming lessons in town.” Two 88 degree pools serve our members, child care, Swim-to-Grow program and Encore program participants, as well as other outside groups. The flexibility of having a lap pool and an exercise pool has allowed us to serve all age ranges, abilities and those with disabilities. We’ve also expanded our class schedule and served more people.

Due to a continuing shortfall between the revenue generated by the exercise pool and the cost, we were forced to close the pool for two months in 2010 but reopened it for the summer.

To avoid closing the exercise pool this fall, we contacted our many regular pool users and asked for their help. Over 50 women and men stepped forward with donations to the “Save Our Pool” fund totaling \$8,358.80 and an anonymous donor provided an additional \$10,000 gift! This brought the total to \$18,358.80.

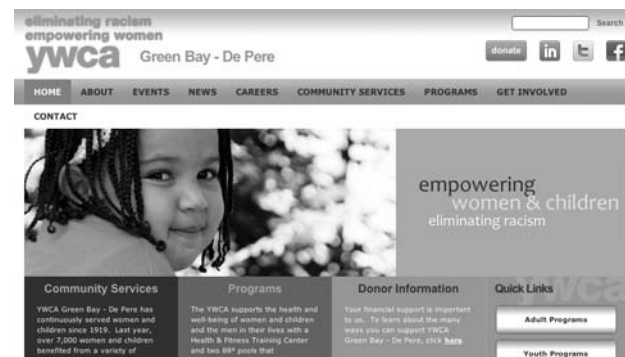
Thank you to our Women of Vision donors who made an extra contribution toward the Pool Fund. Women of Vision donations continue to be vital to keeping our operation running smoothly, and we appreciate their answer to our call for additional support for this special purpose. To join the Pool Patron Society, contact Jennifer at (920) 432-5581 for more information.



Stay Connected with the YWCA

YWCA Green Bay – De Pere is excited to announce that our newly designed website, www.ywcagreenbay.org, launched on January 31. The website is a new tool to keep in touch with Women of Vision, other contributors, users, staff, board members and community leaders. It features opportunities to engage with the YWCA through social media including Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. You can even make your annual Women of Vision gift online using our secure donation site.

The “Our Voice” newsletter is now available electronically through e-mail on a more frequent basis. It contains information on YWCA programs, upcoming promotions and more. To sign up to receive this newsletter, please visit our website and use the link on the right-hand side. The Women of Vision



newsletter will still be printed but archived copies are available on the website.

Please use the contact form to let us know what you think. We welcome your feedback and want to provide the information you need to stay up-to-date with what’s happening at the YWCA.

In Remembrance

Patricia Wood Baer was a wonderful friend of the YWCA for many years. She not only gave generously, but she also encouraged her family and others to support the YWCA. Her son, Rick Baer, and granddaughter, Rebecca Baer-Redling, continue to serve on the YWCA Advisory Council and Board of Directors respectively, and her daughter-in-law, Virginia Baer, is a past member of the Board of Directors. Patricia was a founding member of the Bellin College of Nursing and active in a number of other community causes. A memorial fund was established in Patricia’s name to support the YWCA. She passed away on December 26, 2010.

Jean Mickle was a longtime friend and supporter of the YWCA. She served as Board President in the 1970s. Jean was also an active member of Heritage Hill’s Board of Directors and helped found the Heritage Hill Guild. She passed away on October 19, 2010.

Patricia and Jean were both Women of Vision for many years and great supporters of the YWCA and our community. They will be deeply missed by many.

Meet Our New Community Services Director

Michelle Pierquet is the YWCA’s new Community Services Director. Michelle is a familiar face at the YWCA – she’s been the Encore Coordinator since 2009. She brings extensive experience working with children and families as a child life specialist and oncology navigator. As the Community Services Director, Michelle currently oversees the After School Program, TechGYRLS® and Life, Inc. and will continue to coordinate the Encore program. Over the next few months, Michelle will expand her duties to include managing the Women’s Closet and the Women’s Empowerment Center. Michelle is excited to increase the YWCA’s reach in the community and increase the number of women and children the YWCA serves.



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