

YWCA SEATTLE | KING | SNOHOMISH
GRATITUDE REPORT 2026





LEADERSHIP LETTER

"WORKING TOGETHER, WE HAVE THE COURAGE, CONVICTION, EXPERIENCE, AND RESOURCES TO WEATHER ANY STORM." –MARIA CHAVEZ-WILCOX

Building strength requires commitment and consistency, even when it's difficult, and continuously putting in the effort to reach your goals.

Like many other nonprofits, YWCA faced an array of logistical and environmental challenges in 2025. There were persistent threats to funding for services due to the economic and political climate, while the escalating costs of business operations created additional pressure on our programs.

Throughout all of this and more, YWCA stayed focused on the people we serve, maintained efforts to increase efficiencies in our organization, and moved our mission forward. The number of people YWCA served continued to rise in 2025 – our programs for housing and homelessness, health and safety, and economic advancement reached more than 10,000 women, men, and children across the region.

Philanthropic and public support remained critical to these gains and we are grateful for the enduring support that has enabled our organization to deliver increased impact. Thanks to the backing of our community, there was a lot to celebrate last year.

We launched 114 units of affordable housing with the re-opening of Fifth & Seneca in downtown Seattle, secured funds to begin rehabilitation of the Lexington-Concord Apartments in Belltown, and garnered recognition for Survivors FIRST and its impact on survivors of gender-based violence.

We mobilized with participants and partners to advocate for investments in housing stability, economic security, and survivor services. We urged legislators to prevent funding shortfalls that would devastate shelters and emergency housing statewide and demonstrated how Economic Security for All program funding has helped families achieve financial stability and create brighter futures.

None of this would have been possible without your support. Our deepest gratitude goes out to the funders, volunteers, and partners who have joined together with YWCA on a mission of eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, dignity, and freedom for all.

Thank you for making this work possible. Together, we are growing stronger.

With gratitude,




MARIA CHAVEZ-WILCOX
Chief Executive Officer




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WHAT WE DO

For more than 130 years, YWCA Seattle | King | Snohomish has been meeting the needs of local women and families and improving the health of communities. As a multi-issue service provider, our nonprofit leads a network of community-based programs with 20+ locations across two counties.

In 2025, our YWCA delivered ongoing programs, plus one-time and drop-in services, for more than 10,000 people in King and Snohomish Counties across three pillar areas: Housing, Health and Safety, and Economic Advancement.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS BY PILLAR AREA



The numbers above represent participants engaged in ongoing services and do not include one-time or drop-in YWCA services.

2025 PROGRAM OUTCOMES

451

YWCA EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM GRADUATES REPORTED STRENGTHENED JOB READINESS.

1,245

PARTICIPANTS MOVED INTO PERMANENT HOUSING FROM YWCA SHELTER, EMERGENCY SERVICES, OR TIME-LIMITED HOUSING PROGRAMS.

5,500

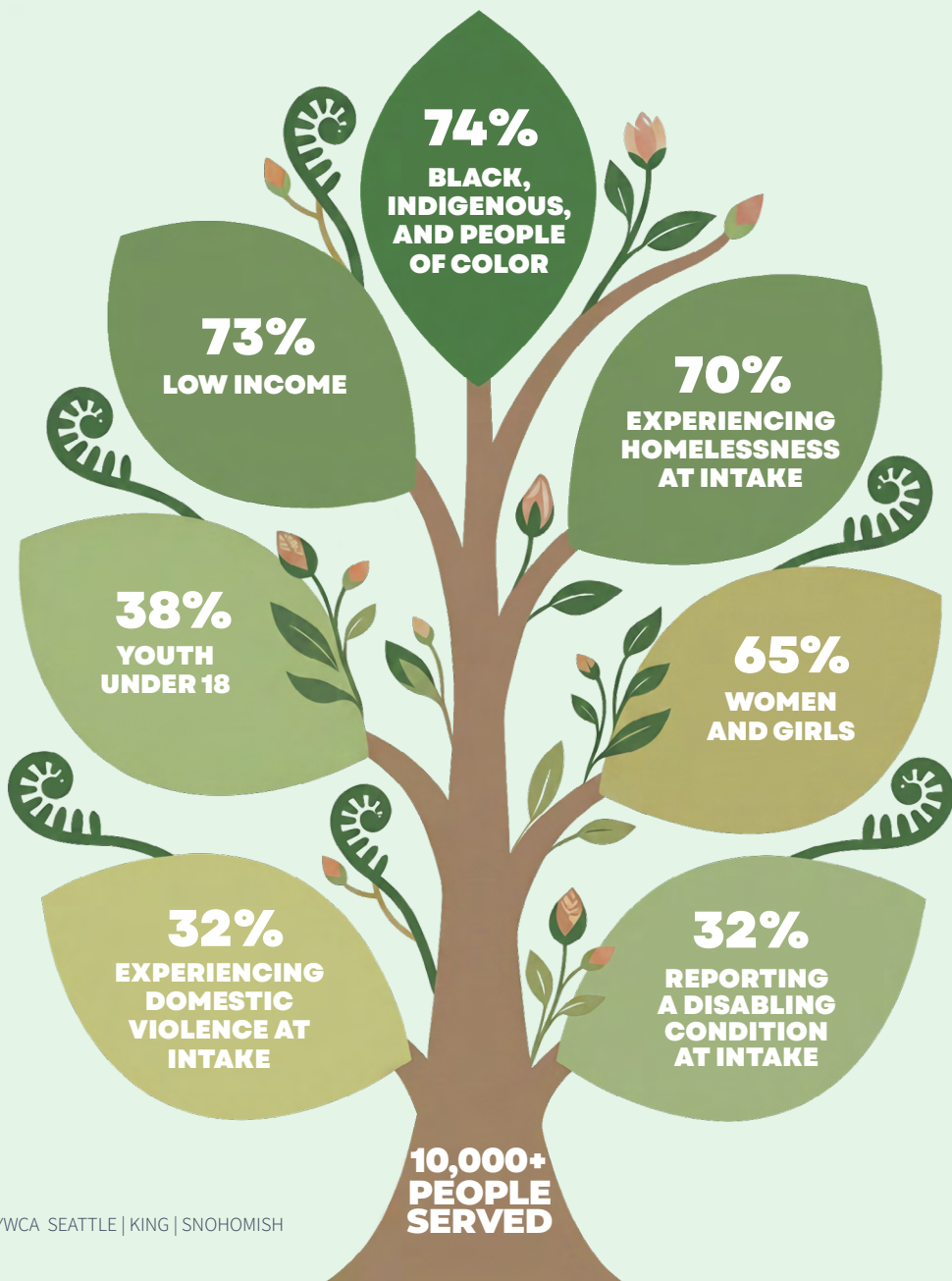
REFERRALS AND FOLLOW-UP CALLS WERE MADE BY YWCA STAFF TO HELP PEOPLE ACCESS HEALTHCARE, TRANSPORTATION, OR HEALTH INSURANCE.



WHO WE'VE SERVED

Since 1894, our YWCA has been committed to serving our community members by breaking down barriers in the most critical areas of people's lives: housing, health, safety, employment, and economic advancement.

Every day, our skilled YWCA staff deliver wraparound, culturally relevant services to women, men, and children across our region.





PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Here are a few examples of the ways women, children, and families were impacted by YWCA's services for housing, economic advancement, health and safety in 2025.



A group of YWCA youth met with state legislators in Olympia to advocate for affordable housing.

✿ YWCA's flagship building, **Fifth & Seneca**, re-opened with **114 remodeled units of affordable housing** for low-income adults.

✿ Nearly **700 unhoused women** utilized **Angeline's Day Center** for food, hygiene, and health services and connected to a supportive community.

✿ More than **130 people** successfully **accessed care appointments** with the support of a health care worker, and mobile outreach connected **230 survivors** in Seattle with a gender-based violence advocate.

✿ Almost **800 job seekers** received **one-on-one support** for employment and career development, and 228 people received financial coaching.

✿ Over **1,600 survivors** received services **for gender-based violence** and domestic violence advocacy.



A family at home at the Somerset Village Apartments in Lynnwood.



A YWCA program participant and staff member using the career center at Opportunity Place.



Community displays were created by residents for YWCA's Week Without Violence.





PARTICIPANT STORY



"YWCA DID MORE THAN PROVIDE HOUSING—IT CHANGED THE TRAJECTORY OF OUR LIVES. IT GAVE MY FAMILY STABILITY, HOPE, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE."

—MAGGIE, YWCA PROGRAM GRADUATE

Being a single mother is challenging no matter what. For Maggie, who was facing homelessness with one small child and another on the way, it was even harder. With additional barriers to stability, such as a gap in her rental history and low credit rating, Maggie felt like the doors to a stable home were closed to her and her children.

Things started to change when she connected with a YWCA housing navigator. "That phone call changed the course of my life and provided my family with the foundation we needed to move forward." Maggie got enrolled in our Shelter Plus Care program, which provided the assistance she needed to secure and maintain stable housing for her family.

YWCA's ongoing support and guidance connected Maggie with other community resources that allowed her to continue her education, maintain her addiction recovery, focus on being a mother, and create a better future for her family.

"The stability that YWCA provided was especially important as a mother raising a child with epilepsy and autism," Maggie shared. "Knowing that we had a safe place to call home gave me peace of mind and allowed me to focus on being present for my children, attending medical appointments, advocating for my youngest daughter's needs, and ensuring she received the care and support she required."



Maggie went on to earn a Business Technology Associate of Technical Arts (ATA) degree in 2023 and a Paralegal Associate in Applied Science–Transfer (AAS-T) degree in 2025. Now, she has a job that allows her to support her family and is building a career that will help her continue growing professionally. "There was a time when my focus was just getting through each day and finding a safe place for my family to live," Maggie recalls. "Today, because of the support I received from YWCA, I am able to think about long-term goals and the future I want to create."



VOLUNTEER IMPACT

"VOLUNTEERING HELPS ME TO REALIZE THAT THE WORLD IS BIGGER THAN JUST MYSELF." –MADDY, STUDENT VOLUNTEER FOR YWCA



Every year, YWCA volunteers use their skills and passion to uplift women and families in our community.



Here's what our volunteers accomplished last year:

- » **9,335 hours** dedicated to YWCA projects. That's the equivalent of **388 days** of volunteer work – more than a calendar year!
 - **2,352 hours** by **32** volunteer groups
 - **6,983 hours** by **203** individual volunteers
- » In partnership with Comcast, YWCA participated in the 2025 Seattle Mayor's Annual Day of Service by assembling **200** backpacks for students, **100** welcome kits for families moving into YWCA housing, and beautifying community spaces.
- » With the support of volunteers, our Central Area Food Bank supported an average of **439** households each week, distributing a total of **352,686** pounds of food throughout 2025.
- » Our holiday gift giving drive provided gift cards to over **300** families, including **611** children, in YWCA emergency and transitional shelters.



Interested in becoming a YWCA volunteer? Visit ywcaworks.org/volunteer to learn more.

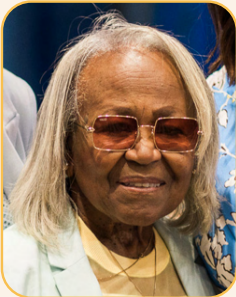
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“YWCA opened my eyes to the struggles of many women and families who have great potential and just need a hand up to become self-sufficient. There is no more efficient way to contribute to the future of society than giving these families a chance to contribute their full talents.”

- Sally Jewell, YWCA Past President (1995 - 1997)
and U.S. Secretary of the Interior (2013 - 2017)



“Volunteering may not always discover the jewel, but the effort will last long after the glitter is dimmed.”

- Rivian Smith, YWCA Past President (1980 - 1982) and Volunteer

“At Comcast, we believe strong communities are built through meaningful partnerships. Our longstanding partnership with YWCA reflects a shared commitment to expanding opportunity, advancing digital inclusion, and empowering people to achieve their goals. Through investments in workforce development, technology access, and volunteer service, we have seen firsthand the impact the YWCA has on individuals, families, and communities across our region. We are proud to support their mission and the lasting difference they make every day.”

- Carla Carrell, Comcast Senior Director of Government & Community Affairs, YWCA Corporate Partner and Volunteer



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2025 FINANCIALS

OPERATING REVENUE BY CATEGORY

GOVERNMENT

\$39,574,969

71%

PHILANTHROPY

\$8,922,732

16%

EARNED
REVENUE

\$7,586,116

13%

TOTAL REVENUE

\$56,083,817

EXPENSES BY CATEGORY

PROGRAM SERVICES

\$62,494,283

87%

MANAGEMENT
AND GENERAL

\$7,456,930

10%

FUNDRAISING

\$2,385,090

3%

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$72,336,303

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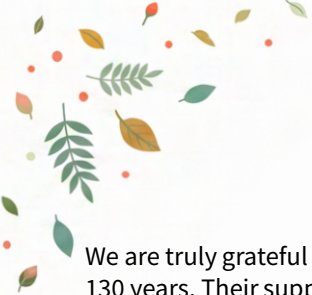
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