OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

All Utah women are thriving and leading the lives they choose, with their strength benefiting their families and communities.
Fiscal year 2017-18 was busy and exciting for YWCA Utah, with important accomplishments in all three of our focus areas: safety, opportunity, and advocacy.

This year we protected and served hundreds of women, men, and children through our domestic violence services, and continued a transformative process to become the first organization in Utah certified in the trauma-informed Sanctuary Model. The nationally accredited Lolie Eccles Early Education Center remained in high demand, and this year passed another licensing visit with flying colors. After several years of preparation, we launched a new young women's leadership development offering, YWEmpowered, and Real Women Run continued its statewide expansion with a first women's political leadership training in Northern Utah (Logan). The YWCA was present full time during the 2018 Utah Legislature, building valuable relationships with legislators and other community partners to advance our three public policy priority areas. We also continued our successful, collaborative “Women of Color Conversation Series,” offering two events—one in the fall, one in the spring—that focused on violence against women and community engagement.

Because of your friendship, we are able to serve, educate, and benefit Utah women and their families every day of the year. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and generosity, which make all this possible.

Anne Burkholder
YWCA Utah CEO

THANK YOU
We are deeply grateful to YWCA members, staff, volunteers, donors, and government and community partners for your friendship, generosity, and commitment to our mission and work.
SAFETY

Safety, freedom, and opportunity lie at the heart of empowerment and self-determination. The YWCA’s comprehensive family violence services create a safe, supportive community within which adults and children can find meaningful opportunities for choices and changes that will help them build violence-free lives.

“The circumstances that led me there were devastating. I didn’t know what to expect when I arrived at the YWCA, they took me in with open arms and were the most amazing people. I am forever grateful to each and every staff member. I am leaving today to start a new chapter in life and it is looking like a great one. Thank you all for believing in me.”

Sarah
1,044 adults and children experienced 85,379 nights and days of safety in our crisis shelter and transitional housing.

1,160 adults in abusive relationships benefited from an array of confidential walk-in services at the Salt Lake Area Family Justice Center.

476 children and their mothers began to heal, enjoy time together, and strengthen their families through children’s programming devoted to trauma-informed care, strong maternal/child bonds, effective parenting, school success, therapeutic play, and healthy after-school and summer activities.

Guests and residents learned skills for life and success through 452 training and support groups focused on financial literacy, ESL, parenting, employment, art therapy, spiritual care, and more.
We dream of a world where all women are able to learn, lead, and influence the world around them. We are committed to offering life-changing opportunities to women: from the availability of affordable, quality early education for working mothers; to empowering women to get involved and run for public office; to developing young women into strong leaders.

“Both of my children have attended Lolie Eccles Early Education Center. The staff are amazing, highly trained caregivers who provide a structured, play-based program. My seven-year-old is at the top of his class in reading after attending the program from two years old through kindergarten. Both my children have loved their caregivers and I trust them completely. I am confident I am leaving my child in good hands when I leave for work.”

Casey
120 children six weeks and older learned, played, and flourished in our nationally accredited early education center while their parents pursued careers, earned their success, and helped their families thrive.

313 individuals learned how to run for political office and lead community change at Real Women Run trainings and events in Salt Lake City and Logan.

150 young women were inspired, educated, and empowered to develop their leadership through the YWCA Young Women’s Leadership Summit.

24 young women developed self-confidence and leadership skills in the inaugural year of YWEmpowered, a new year-long professional leadership development program.

More than one-third of Real Women Run participants won elections. The number of RWR participants who ran for office doubled over the previous year.
ADVOCACY

We are a voice for change on issues critical to the well-being and future of Utah women and girls. We advocate for all women and girls in Utah and are focused on three policy areas:

- Economic Empowerment and Advancement for Women and Girls
- Racial Justice & Civil Rights for Women and Girls of Color
- Health and Safety for Women and Girls

“The Utah Maternal Mental Health Collaborative, Erin Jemison with YWCA, and others, a team of phenomenal, capable, very caring and compassionate individuals, came together to draft a resolution that would be placed before the State Legislature this past session. She [Erin] was phenomenal in pushing that forward... It doesn’t make the headlines, but the ripple effect will last a very long time. And I think that’s the message that, I would like to share is, if you’re going to invest in a segment of society, invest in women and mothers.”

Eric
More than 70 community members learned how to influence their policymakers more effectively on issues impacting women and families at the Utah Women’s Policy Convening in August.

Eight out of 15 priority bills in our focus areas passed the Utah Legislature. These areas, focused on Utah women and girls, included economic empowerment and advancement, racial justice and civil rights, and health and safety.

Public awareness and understanding of issues related to women’s advancement and well-being increased through YWCA issue education and contributions to the “Utah Women in Higher Education Report” and “Utah Maternal Mental Health White Paper”
*Note: Expenses include $928,697 depreciation for the six-building YWCA campus. Expenses before depreciation are $6,221,331. Without depreciation, revenue exceeds expenses by $125,884. The 17-18 consolidated audit by Eide Bailly LLP is available upon request.