

# 2012 ANNUAL REPORT







# Address from the Board President & Chief Executive Officer

When 100,000 abused women are forced to flee to shelters every year, it is hard to believe that we will ever end violence against women.

When the list of people in need of affordable housing in Toronto exceeds 160,000, as it now has, it is hard to believe that we will ever end homelessness.

When girls continue to be bombarded by degrading, sexist images in the media, it is hard to believe that our girls will grow up confident, healthy and empowered.

And yet, YWCA Toronto does believe.

YWCA Toronto is transforming the lives of women and girls in our city because of our visionary donors, generous volunteers, committed staff and determined program participants. We believe that, together, we will continue to transform lives and our society.

YWCA Toronto is an organization of determined optimists. It was this determined optimism that enabled us to open the YWCA Elm Centre in 2012. The YWCA Elm Centre, which offers 300 units of affordable, supportive housing, is the largest affordable housing project to be built anywhere in Canada in more than a decade.

Throughout the world, 2012 was marked by much pessimism. Of course, there is much to be concerned about. However, YWCA Toronto believes that when we lean into those difficulties, our shared commitment, compassion, courage and creativity prevails – and the results are stunning and inspiring.

As you read YWCA Toronto's Annual Report and reflect on the life-changing services we provide, we hope you will agree that what the YWCA is able to accomplish, with the support of other determined optimists, is cause to believe.



"We believe giving a woman keys to a home unlocks opportunity."

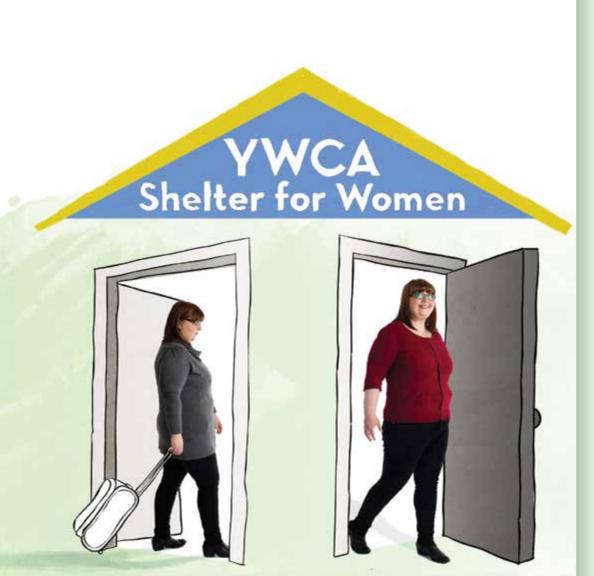


In 2012, the YWCA Elm Centre officially opened, creating 300 units of affordable housing.

The YWCA Elm Centre is the largest affordable housing project to be built anywhere in Canada in more than a decade. We increased our permanent housing units from 248 in 2011 to 548 in 2012.

YWCA Toronto believes in building and advocating for more affordable housing. Research and experience clearly demonstrate that access to stable, affordable housing transforms lives: mental health improves, social isolation diminishes, children's school performance improves, self-esteem grows and employability increases.

That is why we believe in helping women get keys to their own home.



"We believe when abused women find shelter, they can find themselves."



Women who have been abused and traumatized turn to YWCA Toronto, usually in desperation. They are desperate for safety. They are desperate for an out.

YWCA Toronto provides help and hope. In 2012, we offered support and a range of shelter and temporary housing options to 1,287 women and children.

Once women are safe, and with support from our specialized staff with expertise in areas including mental health, parenting, employment and permanent housing, women heal and start to plan their futures. Then they start creating those futures and the lives they want.

When we believe in women, women start believing in themselves.



"We believe girls need a room of their own."



With Canada's only full-time Girls' Centre and an extraordinary girls' summer camp, Tapawingo, YWCA Toronto knows that girls need space and support to discuss the struggles they face and build the capacity to overcome those struggles. Girls need programs that are designed to meet their needs, some of which are quite different from the needs of boys.

At YWCA Toronto, girls have a room of their own. In 2012, they used that "room" to talk about online bullying, discuss healthy relationships, build self-esteem, take risks, create their own girl-positive media and start building their futures.

In 2012, YWCA Toronto girls' programs helped 1,001 girls believe in themselves.



"We believe families can heal and thrive."



Families who have experienced trauma and violence find resources to heal and strengthen at YWCA Toronto.

Strong families provide support and comfort to endure life's challenges and pain. Strong families nurture confidence and enthusiasm that inspire dreams and risk-taking.

YWCA Toronto offers a range of programs to families who have experienced trauma and violence. With counselling, parenting classes, support groups and highly specialized childcare services, YWCA Toronto helps families believe they can create better lives for themselves.

In 2012, 1,098 parents and children found resources and support in our family programs to help them thrive.



"We believe families and communities work, when women can work."



When women can work, families have greater income security and women have more independence and decision-making power.

YWCA Toronto helps women work by providing diverse and specialized employment programs to address the myriad needs women have at the various stages of their working lives. YWCA Toronto offers employment services and training programs that help women assess their strengths, build new skills and find a way into the labour market.

However, it is not enough simply to help women get the job. YWCA Toronto also advocates for fair wages and good jobs because women continue to make 71 cents for every dollar a man earns and because women, and in particular, racialized women, are often caught in precarious, low-wage work.

YWCA Toronto also provides the high-quality, affordable childcare women require in order to work – and advocates for greater access to such care so all women with children who want to work, can work.

We know many women need to work and want to work. YWCA Toronto helps women work with success.



"We believe women's equality is changing the world."



Women's activism has led to impressive gains in women's equality in Canada, and around the world

Women are increasingly well represented in the labour market, government, post-secondary education and senior leadership positions. Important women's rights from the

right to consent - or not - to sex, to the right to work free of harassment and discrimination, are now enshrined in law.

YWCA Toronto is proud to be part of the women's movement that is responsible for making these gains - and we are committed to be part of ongoing efforts to achieve more.

Violence, poverty, homelessness and racism continue to disempower many women and girls and deprive them of safety and equality. However, as women gain power, resources and representation we are better equipped to move powerfully towards a society in which safety and equity has been achieved for all women and girls.

YWCA Toronto believes we are achieving great things and will achieve much more.



"We believe in YWCA Toronto."



We support YWCA Toronto because it is an effective and exciting organization.

We know our donation is helping transform the lives of women and girls.

The YWCA is also transforming our city, with its vision of equity and empowerment – and the contributions it makes toward this vision.

We are proud to be part of YWCA Toronto.

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**YWCA Toronto** thanks our donors, sponsors, funders and partners who have made critical contributions to efforts to improve the lives of women and girls in 2012.

1,624 **NEW DONORS** 

> **75** CAMPERS

were subsidized to go to Camp Tapawingo

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640

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# PERMANENT **HOUSING UNITS**

increased from

248 to 548

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This year, YWCA's
International Boutique
continued to raise funds
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Shelter for Women and YWCA's
Papua New Guinea Childcare
Program.

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# Young Women's Christian Association of Greater Toronto STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	January 1, 2011
As at December 31	\$	\$	
ASSETS			
Current			
Cash	1,364,964	1,564,231	1,331,100
Short-term investments	211,843	5,961,396	8,096,621
Accounts receivable	1,559,196	2,939,752	2,591,403
Prepaid expenses and other assets	354,565	322,243	268,079
Total current assets	3,490,568	10,787,622	12,287,203
Long-term receivable	254,225	291,573	313,900
Long-term investments	5,746,780	5,811,038	4,952,741
Capital assets, net	78,884,161	79,242,544	64,573,936
	88,375,734	96,132,777	82,127,780
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Current			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2,439,664	9,772,379	11,554,888
Deferred contributions	997,026	1,528,765	1,447,215
Current portion of long-term debt	1,103,944	1,060,303	456,141
Total current liabilities	4,540,634	12,361,447	13,458,244
Long-term debt	53,602,831	53,176,285	41,709,838
Capital replacement reserve	1,264,110	1,057,454	1,118,990
Deferred capital contributions	24,831,860	25,102,752	21,134,182
Total liabilities	84,239,435	91,697,938	77,421,254
Net Assets			
Unrestricted	_	_	
Internally restricted	4,136,299	4,434,839	4,706,526
Total net assets	4,136,299	4,434,839	4,706,526
	88,375,734	96,132,777	82,127,780

### STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	2012	2011
Year ended December 31	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Government	20,427,029	16,797,979
Fundraising	2,996,346	2,631,402
Fees and rent	2,975,901	1,860,029
United Way of Greater Toronto	1,448,815	1,443,047
Investment income (loss)	300,485	(47,499)
Miscellaneous	226,003	256,357
	28,374,579	22,941,315
EXPENSES		
Salaries and employee benefits	15,577,463	14,419,983
Building occupancy	8,163,858	4,588,189
Other program costs	3,563,529	2,972,857
General and administration	1,255,372	1,125,745
Allocation to YWCA Canada	112,897	106,228
	28,673,119	23,213,002
Deficiency of revenue over expenses for the year	(298,540)	(271,687)

Auditors: Ernst & Young LLP
A full set of Financial Statements is available upon request. Charitable Business #10822 9865
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TAPED AT YWCA ELM CENTRE

# 356 views

OF THE YWCA EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS' BILLION RISING VIDEO

1,175

FOLLOWERS ON TWITTER

108

NEWS ARTICLES FEATURING
YWCA TORONTO

18.5

PERCENTAGE OF YWCA FACEBOOK
FOLLOWERS WHO ARE MEN

### **VISION**

YWCA Toronto will be a leader in transforming the lives of marginalized and disadvantaged women and girls in Toronto.

# **MISSION**

YWCA Toronto accomplishes this vision by being a strong advocate for women and girls, providing transformative services in the areas of employment support and training, housing options and shelters, leadership development programs for girls and key supports for women and children who have experienced violence.

# **SPECIAL THANKS**

We would like to thank Emma Namenya, Carol Shortell, Gurpreet Chahal, Anne Reynolds, Derek Mehan, as well as program participants and volunteers whose efforts have contributed to this annual report.





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