

A photograph of two women wearing hijabs, one yellow and one red, both smiling and holding hands. They are wearing floral patterned blouses. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent grey rectangle containing the title and logo.

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YWCA | EDMONTON

YWCA Edmonton is a community leader in **advocacy, counselling services, disability services, sexual health and wellness services, youth programming, and outdoor experiences.**

Through education, empowerment, and a service-centric approach to supporting clients, the YWCA inspires leaders to advocate for equity and equality in our community.

Mission

To advocate for equity through a woman's perspective, educating and empowering those we serve.

Vision

A community with equity, opportunity, and choice for all.

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Message from Interim CEO and Board President

EQUITY & EQUALITY

It has always been difficult to put the work of YWCA Edmonton into a brief statement. The fact is, we have evolved significantly over the last 113 years in response to the changing needs of our city. We now offer very diverse services to a wide range of people.

However, one thing remains at the core of who we are: a passion for women's equity and equality.

We are an organization of fierce advocates who foster leadership and believe in equity for everyone in our community, inclusive of age, gender, ethnicity, religion, ability, sexual orientation, education and more. This belief is the driver behind decades of quality, client-centred services that are accessible to everyone.

In 2019, YWCA Edmonton offered affordable counselling sessions to **426 people in crisis**, supported **188 children and adults with disabilities**, provided youth empowerment programs to 306 teen girls, and offered outdoor experiences for **8,348 children and adults**.

Most notably, YWCA Edmonton partnered with Compass Sexual Health and Wellness Centre to expand services by integrating their sexual health and wellness programs into the YWCA. These new services align perfectly with our values. We are proud to offer sexual health support to our community.

The thread that runs through all our work at the YWCA is a commitment to building, supporting, and inspiring open-minded leaders to advocate for equity and equality in our community. The statistics and stories you'll read in this year's Annual Report illustrate our commitment and determination to create a brighter future for all.

The submission of this report coincides with the exciting announcement of YWCA Edmonton's new CEO, Katherine O'Neill, who will join us in March of 2020. We are thrilled to welcome Katherine and look forward to her vision and leadership as we continue to serve women and their families, when and where they need us.

We also wish to gratefully acknowledge our dedicated staff, board members, donors, members and volunteers. On behalf of the clients we serve every day, thank you.

Amber Niemeier
Interim CEO

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A photograph of a woman with long brown hair, smiling warmly while holding a young child with pigtails. The child is looking up at the woman. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent reddish-brown filter. The text "OUR IMPACT" is centered in white, sans-serif capital letters.

OUR IMPACT

AN INCLUSIVE, UNBIASED, SEX-POSITIVE PROGRAM

YWCA Edmonton recognizes the need to support comprehensive sexual health, wellness and counselling services as part of a healthy community. In September 2019, we began offering YWCA Compass Sexual Wellness programming helping to advance the wellness and growth of all individuals at every stage of their lives.

When a person has questions about their sexual health, it can be difficult to know where to turn for accurate, non-judgmental advice. This is why we are proud to offer comprehensive sexual wellness programs and education that support youth, newcomers and adults through a variety of topics, such as healthy relationships and consent, STIs, birth control, pregnancy options and reproductive rights.

1,821

SCHOOL-AGED STUDENTS (IN EDMONTON
AND SURROUNDING AREA) AT **49** SESSIONS

240

The number 240 is followed by 24 small human icons. The icons are arranged in a row and are colored in a variety of colors including red, blue, green, and yellow.

COMMUNITY WORKERS, PROFESSIONALS AND
COMMUNITY MEMBERS ATTENDED SESSIONS

OUR SERVICES

School Education

Curriculum-based sessions that empower students to make healthy decisions in their lives beyond the classroom.

Multicultural Education

Workshops designed to meet the needs of newcomers to Canada who may be facing barriers to accessing and understanding sexual health education and resources.

Community Education

Stigma-free, educational workshops customized to meet the needs of organizations and community groups.

Pregnancy Options Support

Free pregnancy testing and non-judgmental, all-options services and referrals for pregnancy decision-making and post-abortion support.



“In a community outside of Edmonton, I was giving a classroom presentation and afterwards one of the students approached me and shared a distressing personal experience. She was wondering what she could do, so I referred her to a local resource centre. The next time I presented to the same class, the student came up to me again and updated me on her progress. She had visited the local resource centre and said she was doing well. **I have since had the opportunity to reconnect with this student and I am just in awe of her strength and the leadership role she has taken with respect to educating her family on the importance of consent.**”

– Ann Sinyard, Sexual Health Educator



“I’m so proud of Angela. Since she joined us five years ago, **her goal has been to live independently and today, thanks to her determination and caring support home, she is doing just that.** She’s discovering new recipes, entertaining friends and family in her home, and really just rocking living on her own.”

– *Suzanne McEachern, Acting Manager, Disability Services*

Disability Services

EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS TO REACH THEIR GOALS

As a recognized outstanding provider with more than forty years of experience, Disability Services empowers individuals to achieve their full potential through goal setting and with the support of their family and community.

We take a unique, integrated approach to care that allows us to grow alongside our clients. Oftentimes they stay with us from childhood to adulthood, which is uncommon with other organizations. Our team places a strong emphasis on relationship building so that each of the individuals we serve are carefully matched to loving support homes and caregivers who view them as family members.



96,323

RESPITE HOURS



4,688

HOST RESPITE DAYS

We served



168

ADULTS

20

CHILDREN

188

individuals

113

LIVED IN
SUPPORT HOMES

75

WERE PROVIDED SERVICES IN THE
COMMUNITY OR IN THEIR OWN HOMES

OUR SERVICES

Hourly Respite

Support in the family home or a support home.

Host Respite

Part-time support outside of the family home or support home for 24-hour periods.

Support Homes

Full-time support provided by support homes.

Family Behavioural Consultation

Assessment and support for parents of children with disabilities who have behavioural concerns.

STRONG GIRLS FOR A STRONG WORLD

GirlSpace is an affordable after-school program designed to empower teen girls to connect with peers, learn in a positive environment and grow into strong young women.

More so than boys, girls face high rates of sexual violence and poor mental health—risks which only increase for racialized, transgender and queer youth.

By creating safe spaces where girls can learn from mentors, connect with other girls and explore topics such as body image, healthy relationships, online safety and mental wellness, we can ensure these youth are equipped with the tools they need to lead safe, healthy lives.

GIRLS' COUNSELLING GROUP

Girls Counselling Group provides a space for girls between the ages of 14 – 17 to gather on a weekly drop-in basis to share their experiences in coping with life's challenges. Led by a Registered Provisional Psychologist, girls in this group experience a trusting, respectful and safe environment where they can support one another as they transition from adolescence to adulthood.

     **306**     

GIRLS EDUCATED AND EMPOWERED

Some of the newcomer girls we serve come from the following countries:

Congo	Ethiopia	Nigeria	Sudan
Djibouti	Iraq	Philippines	Syria
Eritrea	Jamaica	Rwanda	Vietnam
	Kenya	Somalia	



“ One of the participants at a newer location was really interested in GirlSpace, but her friends were not and would leave midway through the program. She would give into peer pressure and leave with them. But within a couple of weeks she started speaking her mind and told her friends she wanted to stay. She was initially very quiet during activities but eventually started becoming more confident. And you know what happened then? Her friends became curious about the program and started attending!

Her confidence soared to the point where she asked the facilitator if she could share with the group that she was gay. The other participants were very open and accepting of her. It was overwhelmingly heartwarming to be part of this experience. It is so critical to create a safe space like this where there is trust between facilitators and participants.”

– *Dunia Azzara, Youth Leadership Manager*

“Camp counsellor Mozzie was leading a snow-shelter building session for a group of Grade 6 students, and they were all using shovels to make a large pile of snow that they could later dig out into a quinzee. She brought out a speaker so they could listen to music while piling snow. One student, who had trouble fitting in with the rest of the group, stood over by the speaker dancing his heart out while the others shovelled snow. Mozzie noticed the student and walked over to join in. **The other students began cheering the boy on, asking him to show them different dance moves. Soon they were all dancing!**”

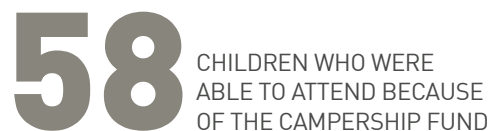
– Terrance Konyi, Director, Camp Yowochas



CONQUERING FEARS AND CLIMBING TO NEW HEIGHTS

From archery to ziplining, Camp Yowochas is the ultimate camping experience for thousands of children each year. Situated on fifty acres of parkland forest and lakeside facilities on Lake Wabamun, Yowochas is a leading destination for school groups, sports teams, corporations and volunteer groups. We offer customized programs for leadership development, environmental education, team building and outdoor recreation.

In 2019, we launched our brand-new Voyageurs program to give teen campers a longer experience with twelve days of adventure. Participants explored new activities, developed new skills, cultivated leadership abilities and built new friendships.



Counselling Services

MOVING FROM CRISIS TO RESILIENCE

YWCA Edmonton offers affordable psychological services to all who need it. Our clients are typically women with lower incomes who are suffering from trauma and are often in crisis. Our clients are often dealing with issues of domestic violence, anger management, childhood abuse, sexual abuse, divorce, suicide and a desire for healthier relationships.

Our services operate on the assumption that each individual has the capacity for positive growth. Our counsellors and psychologists assist clients to identify their positive qualities and strengths and help them generate solutions to their problems. The counsellors work with clients to construct a new and better reality.



Highlights:

Record number of
CLIENTS SERVED.

Record number of
SESSIONS OFFERED.

OUR SERVICES

Individual Counselling

Trauma-informed personalized care that builds capacity for positive growth as counsellors work with individuals to create healthier futures.

Group Counselling

Working together to foster healing and growth in a supportive and safe group therapy environment.

Play Therapy

Responding to the mental health needs of children as they process and express their emotions through play without fear.

Collaborative Care

In addition to the individuals we serve at the YWCA, we also provide 400 annual hours of counselling in a local women's shelter.

DIANE'S STORY

“ As I write this, it has been 73 days since my husband assaulted me. The injuries I sustained—a bruised face, lacerated cheek and fractured cheekbone—have all mostly healed, but the emotional trauma is still very, very raw.

When I married Doug ten years ago, I knew about his past crimes, his violent behaviour; but I fell in love with a man who seemed to truly want a better life.

That changed after our son Dean was born. He started drinking again and soon the abuse started.

But I continued to love and support him, until the night he attacked me. He punched me in the head repeatedly, threatened to kill our son and sexually assaulted me.

The most horrific part for me came after the assault. I had to tell Dean, who was eight at the time and worshipped his daddy, that we would never be a family again.

Dean and I are both in therapy now, which is helping us process the turmoil that our lives have been thrown into. But even after everything we've been through, I still can't bring myself to hate Doug. I know he is a product of his life, and I truly hope he finds peace some day.

I have one final thing.

At some point, minutes before his arrest, Doug sent me a text, it said, “Can I have a second chance if I quit?” I have gone over this time and time again in my head, and the answer is simple. The past 10 years and our marriage was the second chance.”





“My daughter and I never had a chance to experience anything like this: being out in the wild with activities, friends and friendly people. **All of this was unique and special to us.** Something I always wanted my daughter to experience was good, healthy interactions with adults, especially males, but hadn’t had a chance to before. **I’m glad this happened.”**

– Lakeside Haven Mom

Lakeside Haven

VIOLENCE RECOVERY FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Lakeside Haven is a retreat for women and children who have experienced family violence and are currently staying at a local shelter. It is a safe, nurturing space to explore new activities, rebuild relationships, relax and heal as a family.

For many, this is their very first experience leaving the city and often the first vacation they've ever had. Moms get a chance to reconnect with their children away from the pressures of day-to-day life, helping with recovery and moving them forward as a family while creating new, happy memories. They're also able to connect with other women who share their circumstances.

This weekend is designed to be a paradise of positivity, fun and security. Children are given permission to be children again. We aim to show them that life is still good; there are friendships to look forward to, new experiences to be had and chances for more good times in the future.



A photograph of the Minnesota State Capitol building, featuring a large central dome and classical architectural details. The building is surrounded by green trees and a paved plaza with stone steps in the foreground. A semi-transparent light gray rectangular overlay covers the central portion of the image, serving as a background for the text.

OUR ADVOCACY

ADVOCATING FOR EQUITY AND EQUALITY

Advocacy for equity and equality is at the core of our work; it is the thread that runs through all our programs and services. Highlights of 2019 include a collective YWCA submission to the Alberta Government on the provincial budget, as well as the government's implementation of an action plan to combat human trafficking.

COMBATTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Since 2011, YWCA Edmonton has been part of coordinated efforts by law enforcement, government and partner NGOs to prevent human trafficking in our province, protect victims, and prosecute traffickers.

In 2019, the Alberta Government announced the implementation of a nine-point **Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking** to protect at-risk individuals from being trafficked in Alberta, empower survivors of trafficking, and provide new remedies to deal with traffickers. The plan includes creating a provincial Human Trafficking Task Force and introducing legislation to establish a process for restraining orders, torts, and proclaiming a Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

In October 2019 the Alberta YWCAs of Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge and Banff jointly presented a comprehensive budget proposal to the provincial government. As experts on issues related to domestic violence, mental health disability supports, human trafficking, women's equity, housing and homelessness, and childcare, our recommendations addressed the issues faced by the thousands of Albertans we serve across the province every year. The proposal included:

- \$100 million investment into a Mental Health and Addictions Strategy
- Allowing cultural competency to be applied to human trafficking and domestic violence legislation
- Making medical resources available at women's shelters
- Advocating for a revision of the Criminal Code to include domestic abuse as a criminal offence in Canada
- Training shelter workers to recognize the signs of human trafficking

A woman with long dark hair in a bun, wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt and black leggings, is captured from behind with her arms outstretched in a wide V-shape. She is standing on a paved city square. In front of her, a large, diverse crowd of people is gathered, some watching and others participating. To her left, a person in a red and yellow costume is visible. The background features modern city buildings, including a prominent one with a grid-like facade. A Canadian flag is visible in the crowd. Four large black speakers are positioned on the ground around the performer. A semi-transparent blue overlay covers the entire image, and the text "OUR EVENTS" is centered in white.

OUR EVENTS



WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES®

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® celebrated its 10th mile in 2019, raising over \$1,000,000 for YWCA Edmonton since it began. Our community supporters are committed to creating awareness and breaking the cycle of family violence; they stepped up and stepped in to support families in crisis and help them build healthy futures. This signature fundraising event saw people from all walks of life strutting in fabulous footwear and collecting pledges in support of YWCA Edmonton.

As part of our 10th anniversary, we honoured 10-Mile Champions Al Madge, Curtis Hargrove, and David Jones. These three have been an integral part of our Walk a Mile family over the past decade, each going the extra mile in lending their support to Walk a Mile.

ROSE CAMPAIGN

The Rose Campaign is an event that galvanizes community leaders to take action to end violence against women and girls. Commemorating Canada's *National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women*, this exclusive, invite-only breakfast is an opportunity to learn more and support of the work of YWCA Edmonton with a meaningful donation.

Our Supporters

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\$50,000 - \$99,999

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Plant Your Seed for a Future of Equality, Opportunity and Choice

Planning a gift in your Will for YWCA Edmonton is a simple, meaningful way to create lasting change, and ensure the continued impact of our work in the community for future generations.

With your support we can to continue to support, serve and advocate for families in crisis, and to build healthy futures — for years to come.

To find out how you can plant the seed of your legacy today contact Ashton Raeyr, Community Fundraising Specialist at 780-970-6505, or by email at a.raeyr@ywcaedm.org

Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of our lists. If your name is misspelled, incorrectly listed, or omitted, please contact us at 780-970-6509 so we can correct our records.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



To the Members of YWCA Edmonton:

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at December 31, 2019, and the summary statement of operations for the year then ended, and related note, are derived from the audited financial statements of YWCA Edmonton (the "Association") for the year ended December 31, 2019.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements, on the basis described in the Note to the summary financial statements.

Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-forprofit organizations. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon. The summary financial statements and the audited financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial statements.

The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated April 1, 2020.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements on the basis described in the Note to the summary financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standards (CAS) 810, Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

Edmonton, Alberta
April 1, 2020

MNP **LLP**
Chartered Professional Accountants

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the years ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018

	2019 \$	2018 \$
ASSETS		
Current Assets	2,533,982	1,928,376
Capital Assets	624,432	712,883
	3,157,414	2,641,259
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities	412,091	338,294
Grant Funding Repayable	214,574	681,666
Deferred Revenue	755,737	202,268
Unamortized Deferred Capital Asset Contributions	365,314	408,596
	1,747,716	1,630,824
NET ASSETS	1,409,698	1,010,435
	3,157,414	2,641,259
REVENUES		
Fees for Services	9,271,987	9,024,879
Government Contracts	1,431,499	1,399,397
Counselling Centre	515,794	412,360
Other government and foundation grants	504,898	365,318
Expired contracts and grants	370,205	–
Donations and Fundraising	334,953	505,537
Compass	137,518	–
Casino	92,163	12,342
Other Revenue	653	3,074
	12,659,670	11,722,907
EXPENSES		
Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	5,112,157	4,894,102
Purchased Services	5,096,897	5,015,503
General and Administrative Expenses	1,530,320	1,535,197
Counselling Centre	443,244	411,770
Compass	94,797	–
	12,277,415	11,856,572
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses before other income (expenses)	382,255	(133,665)
OTHER INCOME/EXPENSES	17,008	(150,414)
Net excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	399,263	(284,079)

This is a summary version of YWCA Edmonton's financial statements.

The full YWCA Edmonton 2019 Audited Financial Statements are available on our website at www.ywcaofedmonton.org

TREASURER'S REPORT

The top priorities for the YWCA in 2019 were to continue increasing fundraising revenues and reduce our deficit from operations. We ended the year with a profit of \$399,000. This was largely due to expired government grants totaling \$370,000 as well as income from investments of \$146,000. Our goal was to achieve a balanced budget through the continued execution of our fundraising strategy, combined with careful spending across all programs.

The organization's investment in fundraising has proven successful, with all program funding targets being met or exceeded in 2019. There was an overall increase of \$49,000 in fundraising revenue compared to 2018. Fundraising revenue in the Financial Summary includes Donations & Fundraising, Other Government and Foundation Grants, and Casino Revenue.

Overall revenue increased by \$936,000 or 8% over 2018, which, aside from the expired grant, is largely due to increased Fee for Service revenue in Disability Services and Counselling Services, as well as the assumption of two contracts from Compass Sexual Health and Wellness Centre. These increases in revenue were matched by increased expenses required to provide the services.

We purchased \$41,000 of capital assets in 2019, using \$9,780 in designated grants to do so. The majority of the capital asset purchases were office furniture and computer equipment for the new Compass Sexual Health and Wellness services, as well as a used van for Camp Yowochas.

Overall, 2019 was a successful year, and we are very grateful to our donors, supporters, and volunteers. You are the reason the YWCA continues to be a community leader in advocacy, counselling services, disability services, sexual health and wellness, youth programs, and outdoor experiences.

Irina Hilliard, CPA, CA

Treasurer, YWCA Board of Directors

SHAPE OUR COMMUNITY WITH YOUR SUPPORT!

When you invest in YWCA Edmonton, you are helping create better futures for women, children and families.

Stable and predictable funding allows us to deliver effective subsidized counselling, advocacy, disability services, sexual health and wellness services, youth programming, and outdoor experiences to thousands of individuals and families in Edmonton each year.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AND SUPPORT YWCA EDMONTON:

Become a Monthly Supporter

As a monthly donor, you give us an opportunity to create long-term, stable solutions to meet the needs of families in our city.

Join Our Legacy Circle

Remembering us in your will can transform lives for generations to come. Your personal legacy will ensure that your memory lives on.

Make a Gift of Securities

Realize considerable tax savings when donating your appreciated stocks.

Lead a Community Event

Hosting a community event is a fun and effective way to raise funds and engage your family, friends, coworkers, and community members in our work.

Make a Gift in Honour

Make a donation in memory or in honour of someone special, or to celebrate an important occasion.

Get Your Team Involved

There are many ways to get your workplace involved with YWCA Edmonton, including participation in our community events, sponsorship opportunities, fundraisers, and volunteerism!

To find out more about how you can support YWCA Edmonton, contact Ashton Raeyr, Community Fundraising Specialist at 780-970-6505, or by email at a.raeyr@ywcaedm.org.



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YWCA Edmonton is a safe space that welcomes and supports all members of the LGBTQ2S+ community.



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