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Quad Cities

# 2024-2025 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

YWCA Quad Cities  
2024-2025 Impact Report  
showcases commitment to  
empowering women.



# Message from the CEO

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on 2025 and all that we accomplished, I am reminded of something that was said on the eve of YWCA's founding -- "The YWCA is people not a building. If we have patience, the organization will grow and develop." Helen Davis, the YWCA's national field secretary, spoke those words on November 27, 1916, to the audience of visionary women including Susanne Denkmann-Hauberg who would courageously establish what would eventually become YWCA Quad Cities.

Walking through our new facility in Rock Island, which has been a personal labor of love for several years, I feel the truth of Helen's words every day. In 2025, our world-class staff of 90 professionals provided people with exceptional services and dignifying programs. Together, we provided nearly 150 children with award-winning child care. We strengthened the health and wellbeing of more than 800 members. We opened our doors and hearts to support over 110 local youth through our out-of-school program, ThePlace2B.

Helen was also right -- through our patient dedication to the women and families we serve, we have grown. In 2025 at our empowerment center in Davenport, we provided emergency services to more than 800 families and 2,500 individuals. Soon, we will open in Rock Island the only group home for unhoused teens in the region, Alan's house. It is fitting that this "new" home is being built within the building that we called home for roughly 70 years.

As you read this annual report, I hope you too are reminded of Helen's words. The stories and statistics you find here reflect the aspirations, challenges, and accomplishments of thousands of people, all of whom contribute indelibly to our 108-year legacy. We are grateful to you and all of the people who bring life and meaning to our work.

Warm regards,  
Julie Larson  
President & CEO  
YWCA Quad Cities



# Our Vision

YWCA Quad Cities envisions a Quad Cities where no one lives in poverty and everyone has the opportunity to live a free and prosperous life.

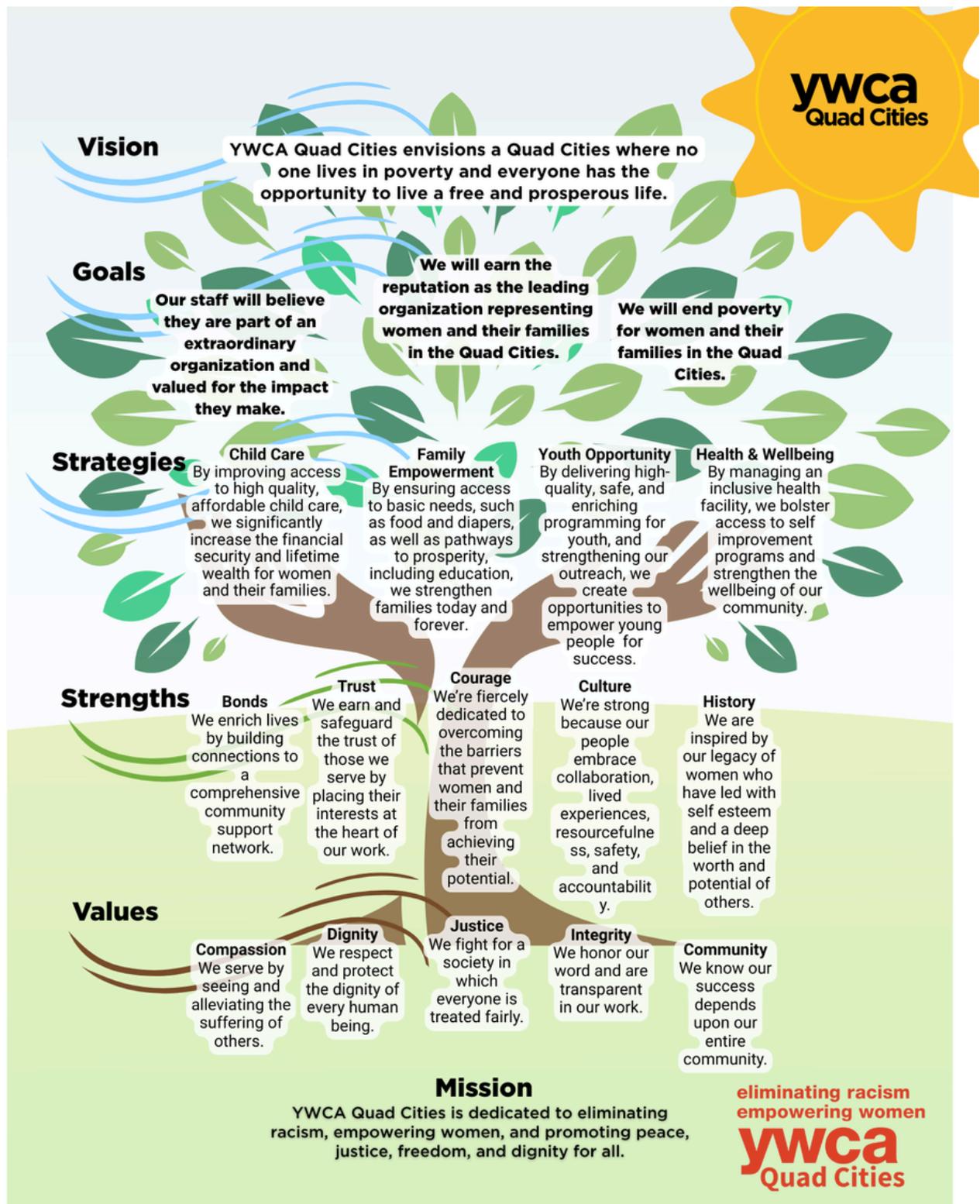
# Who We Are

We believe when women win, we all win! As the only Quad Cities organization uniquely delivering services by women and for women, we empower women by helping them overcome the unique barriers they face. That means overcoming obstacles to truly achieve the health, happiness, and financial security that lead to confidence and dignity. The “W” in our name is more than a letter in the YWCA acronym; it’s our whole purpose.

When women need us, we’re there. We lift women and their families up by filling a vital gap in the community. We do this by providing resources and opportunities in many shapes and sizes, accessible for all women and families.

From childcare, empowerment services, youth opportunities, and health and wellbeing, it’s all here to build dignity and empower success.

# THEORY OF CHANGE





Kindergarten Readiness

# 2024 -2025 Impact Report

## Child Care



**149 students enrolled**

97 Families served



**227,916 Hours**

of quality care. Open 253 days.



**50,362**

meals served



**93 %**

ELA graduates are Kindergarten Ready.

**100 %**

left ready to the fullest extent of their abilities.

### School -Age FY 25

**20** Before & After School Students

**25** Intersession Students

**31** Summer Students

**14** Developmentally Appropriate Field Trips



Parent Testimonial



It is a big deal when you know your children are safe and cared for. It has been a blessing to have dependable daycare that I trust.

- Early Learning Academy Parent



# 2024 Impact -2025 Report

## Family Empowerment

### Services include:

- Laundry & detergent
- Food pantry
- Diapers, wipes & formula
- Feminine products
- Prenatal vitamins
- Personal Hygiene products
- Clothing Closet
- Transportation support to get to and from Empowerment Center
- Community Showers
- Learning Center with computers & printers
- Continuing education opportunities



Individuals Served



# 77.8 %

total number of clients are female-headed households

# 2,515

 individuals served

### Services Utilized

# 628

 loads of laundry

# 138

 shower visits

# 548

 food boxes given out

# 2,515

 individuals served through our Empowerment Center

Here's what our clients have to say



In my experience of reaching out to the YWCA for assistance, I have received a helping hand up, not a hand out, for I sincerely believe I will have the ability to one day pay it forward.

-Empowerment Center Client





**Youth Outreach**

# 2024 Impact Report -2025

## Youth Opportunity

### Services include:

- Rental and other bills assistance
- Food, clothing, personal hygiene, and other immediate needs
- Employment search assistance
- Emergency and long-term housing
- emergency child care
- After-school youth program
- Wrap-around services.
- Financial literacy



ThePlace2B provided transportation to and from programming



ThePlace2B served roughly 3,500 meals

**110**

Over 110 youth served through our teen drop in program ThePlace2B

**21**

Assisted 21 individuals in securing housing

**55 %**

of clients left our program with increased life skills or self-sufficiency



**What youth are saying...**



“ —  
 | I can be myself  
 | at ThePlace2B.  
 - Student  
 — ”



# 2024 -2025 Impact Report

## Health & Wellbeing

In the summer of 2024, we moved into our brand new state-of-the art facility. Our fitness center includes:

- Indoor aquatic center
- Cardio and Weight Rooms
- Full-court gymnasium

### Health & Wellness by the numbers



# 8,758

member visits



# 921

day passes purchased



# 1,490

class visits



# 800+

more than 800 members



Here's what our members have to say:



I am so thankful to be able to participate in the Aquatic facilities at the YWCA. It's a great way to begin my day and the staff are so helpful and supportive.

-YWCA Quad Cities Member



# Three Generations of Support: How YWCA Quad Cities Helped Three Families Thrive

At just 15 years old, Ashleigh Barnes' life changed forever.

A freshman in high school, she found out she was pregnant.

"I panicked about, you know, being pregnant and letting my mom know," Ashleigh recalled. "When you put all your energy into raising your children and your daughter gets pregnant at 15, how do you explain that to people?"

With a baby on the way came questions about her future—and who would help her care for her child. "In the back of my mind, I knew that I always had the center at Rock Island High School," said Ashleigh.

She was already familiar with YWCA Quad Cities. As a child, she attended the YWCA's early learning program, and some of her earliest memories were made there. At that time, the YWCA offered a child care program for teen parents, designed to help young families stay in school while providing their children with a safe, nurturing environment. The program also connected parents to resources that supported their emotional well-being, education, and independence—core to YWCA's mission of empowering women and strengthening families.

Knowing she had a safe, trusted place for her daughter, Alexya, gave Ashleigh peace of mind.

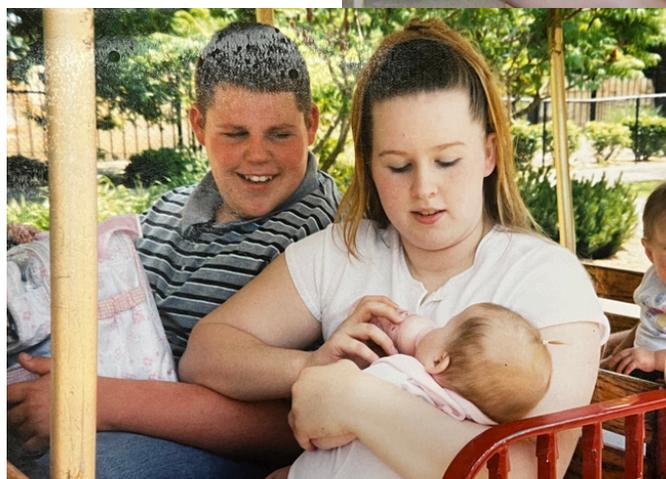
"Huge—huge," she said. "I don't think I would have finished school without the program. At lunchtime, I could come check on my baby. If I had a study hall, I'd come in and see her. That meant everything."

The YWCA became more than just a child care center—it was a community, a place where Ashleigh felt supported and never judged.

Many of the teen moms she met through the program remain close friends to this day.



**Above: Ashleigh holding her baby at YWCA's child care center.**



**Left: Ashleigh and her husband with their daughter at a child care field trip.**

# Three Generations of Support: How YWCA Quad Cities Helped Three Families Thrive

Four years later, Ashleigh proudly walked across the graduation stage.

“It was huge. Just being able to know that I finished. Being a statistic was something I had a really hard time with. I worked hard to become successful so I could teach my children that.”

And she did. Ashleigh and her husband, both teen parents, built successful careers and a strong foundation for their family.

“We climbed out,” said Ashleigh.

Years later, the YWCA would come back into Ashleigh’s life, but this time through her daughter, Alexya Stephens.

“I’ve always heard nothing but good things about the YW,” said Alexya.

When it came time to find a child care center for her son, Antonio, the decision was easy. He began attending YWCA Quad Cities’ early learning program in September.

“He tells me every day that he loves school,” Alexya said with a smile.

For 36 years, YWCA Quad Cities Child Care Center has been a cornerstone of stability and support for families across our community, providing safe, nurturing, high-quality early learning environments for children of all backgrounds.

Through generations like Ashleigh’s and Alexya’s, the YWCA’s mission continues to live on: empowering women, nurturing children, and strengthening families—one story, one child, and one generation at a time.



**From left to right: Alexya, Antonio, and Ashleigh**

**“If I had to send her anywhere else, I probably would have had a hard time finishing high school.”  
-Ashleigh Barnes.**

# Financials

2025 Revenue

**\$4.9 M**

## Fiscal History

## Revenue

<b>2022</b>	\$3.3 M
<b>2023</b>	\$3.9 M
<b>2024</b>	\$4.1 M
<b>2025</b>	\$4.9 M

## Program

## Expense

## Revenue

Childcare	<b>45%</b>	<b>42%</b>
Youth Services	<b>39%</b>	<b>37%</b>
Health & Wellness	<b>7%</b>	<b>3%</b>
Empowerment Center	<b>6%</b>	<b>13%</b>
Alan's House	<b>1%</b>	<b>5%</b>
Administration	<b>2%</b>	



✦ **FOUR-STAR RATING** ✦

from

 Charity Navigator

# Financials

YWCA Quad Cities thanks our many donors for their generous contributions over the past year!

## Revenue Allocation

<b>Fees for Service</b>	\$1,366,079
<b>Grants</b>	\$787,380
<b>Federal Grants</b>	\$775,635
<b>Special Events</b>	\$73,202
<b>State of IA Grants</b>	\$415,000
<b>State of IL Grants</b>	\$759,655
<b>Contributions</b>	\$134,951
<b>Other</b>	\$60,668



\*Does not include new facility grant and campaign pledges

## Expense Allocation

<b>Salaries</b>	\$2,297,165	<b>Occupancy</b>	\$352,302
<b>Fringe Benefits</b>	\$248,385	<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>	\$255,000
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>	\$206,147	<b>Administration</b>	\$322,341
<b>Insurance</b>	\$186,240		
<b>Client Assistance</b>	\$265,000		