



LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND CEO

Dear Friends,

The year 2009 was an historic and exciting one for the Kankakee Area YMCA. As we look back on our 115 year history of serving the Kankakee County community, 2009 will always be remembered as a year of change, inclusion and growth. We are proud of our heritage and our place as a "bright and shining star" within our community while providing needed help and support to those we are fortunate enough to serve.

Children, families and adults of all ages are the beneficiaries of the growth and expanded services that we have witnessed this past year. As we carry on our mission of putting Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all, our YMCA continues to respond to the needs of children and families struggling to meet the challenges of today's economic realities.

As you read through our Annual Report, you will see a small sampling of the highlights of our year. We are grateful to our community partners for helping us provide opportunities for people of all ages, religions, and backgrounds.

In 2009, the YMCA experienced growth in many areas which allowed us to serve more children, families and communities. Together in 2009, we had a lot of fun and accomplished many special projects:

- Provided financial assistance to over 2,000 local kids and families who would not otherwise have been able to afford membership or program fees.
- Launched the dynamic and comprehensive 2012 Strategic Plan that will guide the organization for the next three years.

- Renovated three of our adult locker room facilities and the preschool room. A special thank you to Armstrong World Industries and the Charlton Family Charitable Foundation for their generous support!
- Added new gym divider curtain was made possible by the generous donation from the Charlton Family Charitable Foundation. Thank You!
- ✓ Installed Raptor V-soft visitor management program which provides an additional layer of security that keeps our YMCA a safe place.
- ▼ Added a new modernized member lounge.
- Increased the number and variety of programs offered at the YMCA. The most notable program additions were; the new group fitness classes including Zumba, Cycling and Latin Dance; Preschool Enrichment Programs, Karate, Prime Time Family Time, and Leaders Club.
- Added new group cycling room with 19 new Star Trac NXT Spinner bikes.
- Purchased 8 new Life Fitness treadmills and 2 new Precor elliptical crosstrainers.
- Installed 6 new pool starting blocks and 5 new pool lane lines. Thanks to the efforts of the Stingray Swim Team volunteers for making this possible!

Looking back, 2009 was a wonderful year for our YMCA! We look forward to many more years of providing services and expanding our mission within the Kankakee County community. Thanks to each of you for your continued help and support!

Sincerely,

Paula Jacobi Chief Volunteer Officer

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Dirk Langfoss

CEO



OUR COMMITMENT TO KANKAKEE COUNTY

The Kankakee Area YMCA will extend our reach by directly engaging children and adults from all segments of our communities in achieving health of spirit, mind and body. We also will build on our 115-year charitable heritage of community leadership by being a catalyst for changes that enhance the well-being of all.



Ensure Access to All

We granted \$221,128 in Financial Assistance to deserving youth and families to ensure participation in all YMCA programs.

Build character and assets in kids, strengthen families, and promote healthy lifestyles

Support Families

The YMCA engages family members in programs and provides services that support a joyful, holistic approach to family development. Our YMCA supported families by providing quality child care, early childhood development, afterschool and camping programs to ensure the health and safety of thousands of children last year while families were working. Our YMCA provides a variety of other family strengthening programs such as the Prime Time Family Time and Family Fun Nights.

Support Youth Development

We served more than 8,864 youth in a variety of programs that are age appropriate and build the developmental assets necessary for all children to thrive.

Doors Opened to Community

We open our doors each year to many government entities, school groups and teams, as well as other nonprofits to utilize our facilities for meetings, educational presentations, and recreation.

Improve Individual Lives

The YMCA offers members an opportunity to enjoy and participate in a community that is based on the development of healthy relationships. Over 15,800 people were involved in active living and healthy eating activities to lower the incidence of chronic disease in our community.



Engage Community and Volunteerism

- We engage a broad array of community stakeholders to achieve community well-being. We partnered with 28 nonprofits and government organizations to make a collaborative difference in our community.
- Our YMCA is committed to a world class system of volunteer development where 258 people volunteered at our YMCA with an estimated value of \$97,972.
- Our YMCA raised \$161,848 in individual, business, government and foundation contributions, volunteer support, and grants, demonstrating broad support from our community.

Our Commitment to Be an Asset to Our Community

We are committed to the highest ethical standards of a public charity. Our transparency can be viewed through our IRS Form 990. We are governed by and accountable to an independent Board of Directors of community leaders and volunteers. We strive to earn the public trust by being good stewards of our charitable dollars. Through our commitment to nonprofit excellence and providing access to all in our community, we are an asset to Kankakee County.

VOLUNTEER & STAFF AWARDS

The YMCA is one of the world's largest volunteer organizations. The Kankakee Area YMCA values the time and care given by our dedicated volunteers. Each year we recognize outstanding volunteer achievements with the Ray Lindner Service to Youth Award and the Jerry Blitz Layman of the Year Award. In addition, staff achievement is recognized with the Wes Walker SPIRIT Award. The Award recipients must be nominated and meet the criteria established by the committees for each award. The annual award winners are recognized at the Kankakee Area YMCA Annual Dinner.

2009 Award Winners



Left to right: Pam Debono, Jasmine Evers and Tobe Fulford

Wes Walker SPIRIT Award

Spirit, Professionalism, Integrity, Respect, Intellect, Trust

Jasmine Evers

Each year, the Kankakee Area YMCA recognizes one of its employees with the S.P.I.R.I.T. Award in honor of Wes Walker. This individual personifies and embodies the outstanding values that Wes brought to the Kankakee Area YMCA as the executive director (1970-1995) and continues to bring as a volunteer and the YMCAs #1 ambassador in the community. Those values are Spirit, Professionalism, Integrity, Respect, Intellect, and Trust (S.P.I.R.I.T.)

The 2009 award winner, Jasmine Evers, exemplifies this award. Jasmine shows an unparalleled commitment to keeping the YMCA <u>SPIRIT</u> alive.

In her time with the YMCA, Jasmine has worked in nearly every program area; from before and after school child care, to member services, child watch, youth sports, day camp, climbing wall, and everywhere in between. Jasmine has shown professionalism, respect, and trust.

In 2008, she began as the assistant camp director and then mid season took on the huge job of running the summer day camp program. She started and ended each day with a smile. She was able to maintain the integrity of the program and had the intellect to make sure it was a success.

Jasmine Evers is a great example to members, program participants, volunteers and staff. She is a deserving winner of the Wes Walker SPIRIT Award.

Ray Lindner Service to Youth Award

Y's Men Club Hall of Fame

Tobe Fulford

The Ray Lindner Service to Youth Award is given annually by the Y's Men's Club and singles out an individual in our county who leads by example and devotes themselves to positive youth activities. Ray Lindner was such a man and example. This award is meant to serve as a standard and not a memorial.

The 2009 award winner, Tobe Fulford, grew up in the Kankakee area and was mentored and inspired by many adult volunteers in his youth. He most certainly gives that investment back to the community.

Tobe has coached every sport the YMCA has offered and has never said "no" to any request. He has said "yes" to many other youth leagues as well and for many years. They include the Riverside Colts, Knights of Columbus and Momence T-ball.

Tobe has pleaded the case of adding one more to his teams because the kid "needed direction." It is not unusual for Tobe to pay the fees for less fortunate children.

You can find Tobe volunteering with the youth two nights each week for thirty five weeks. His work schedule requires different hours frequently. Once while working on days shift, he took his lunch hour to coach his kids so he wouldn't let them down. His team members were all surprised when he rushed in wearing his police uniform. You could overhear the children say, "Our coach is a cop?" "Wow!"

Tobe Fulford is a great example to the youth of our community and a deserving winner of the Ray Lindner Service to Youth Award.



Jerry Blitz Layman of the Year Award Example - Loyalty - Enthusiasm -Sharing - Determination

Pam Debono

If ever there was a friend of this organization, it was Jerry Blitz. In his short time on this earth, Jerry taught everyone how to live, laugh, and even die with effervescence. He enjoyed every day to its fullest and gave his time tirelessly, often without being asked.

Jerry was known for his honesty and for his wisdom. He was revered for taking projects by the horns and plowing full speed ahead. He often said, "Don't just sit there and talk about doing something. Either do it or don't do it."

The Jerry Blitz Layman of the Year Award is the highest "thank you" that the Kankakee Area YMCA can give to an individual. Award winners are selected and judged on 5 criteria: Example, Loyalty, Enthusiasm, Sharing, and Determination. These five qualities capture the essence of Jerry; his wisdom, his teaching, and his spirit.

The 2009 award winner, Pam Debono, is a motivating force within the YMCA. She is not just a facility user, but a person who sees the vision of welcoming everyone through our doors and giving them the resources needed, so that the YMCA is truly "for all". No matter how you know Pam, you see that giving of her time and talents for the greater good is at the center of her heart and the YMCA is a better place because of her.

Pam has touched so many people with her volunteer service: Board of Directors, Membership Marketing Committee - Chair, Championed the Open Door Membership Plan, Executive Committee, Strong Kids Campaign - Chair, 2012 Strategic Planning Committee -Chair, and countless other YMCA projects.

Pam lives the YMCA Mission; to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. She sees the YMCA Vision; to build strong kids, strong families and a stronger community. She exemplifies the YMCA Values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. She represents the award criteria of loyalty, enthusiasm, sharing, determination, honesty, spirit and wisdom.

In simple terms, Pam Debono is an extraordinary volunteer.

2009 Strong Kids Campaign Donors

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Dear Donors,

All around us we see the images of children in need. The YMCA is committed to improving the lives of the children and their families in our community by providing a safe environment, caring and trained staff, and programs that teach life skills. Whether for a helping hand with homework, to learn leadership skills, or for the family to play and connect, the YMCA is there. Your contributions give kids, whose families are going through tough times, an uplifting place to come after school, on weekends, and during the summer to elevate the quality of their spirit, mind and body.

Because of you our community is so much stronger. We sincerely thank you for your generous financial support of your YMCA and Kankakee County!

Thank You!

Bob Rashkin

2009 Strong Kids Campaign Chair

Dirk Langfoss

CEO



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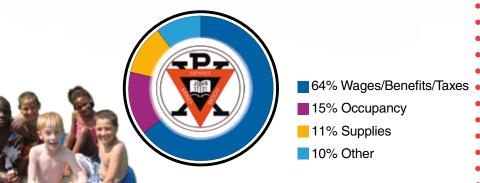
CONSTITUENCY REPORT*

		Audited
Total Served	2009	2008
Members	9,304	6,421
Prospective Members	6,570	7,112
Total	15,874	13,533
Gender	2009	2008
Females	7,778	6,878
Males	8,096	6,655
Total	15,874	13,533
Youth Served (1-17 Years Old)	2009	2008
Members	4,884	2,939
Prospective Members	3,980	2,351
Total	8,864	5,290
Financial Assistance Provided	\$221,128	\$220,502

^{*}Unduplicated Participants

REVENUE & EXPENSES





FINANCIAL REPORT

We are pleased to present the 2009 audited, consolidated financial statements to you, our friends and community supporters. As part of our promise of responsible stewardship to the community and to our members, we aim to be a benchmark organization in the charitable sector with respect to financial stewardship and transparency. As you read this financial report, you will realize the Kankakee Area YMCA is a financially growing organization. This allows us to expand internally, to collaborate with many partners, and to share in the higher purpose of investing in and serving our community.

Craig Cosenser

Craig Rosenow, Treasurer/Finance Committee Chair

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

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As of December 31, 2009				Audited	
		2009		2008	
PUBLIC SUPPO					
	Contributions	\$	98,471	\$	99,369
	United Way	\$	46,877	\$	77,180
	Grants	\$	16,500	\$	16,500
Total Public S	upport	\$	161,848	\$	193,049
REVENUE					
	Membership	\$1	,047,276	\$	933,709
	Programs	\$	463,373	\$	440,091
	Other	\$	42,883	\$	42,232
Total Revenue	•	\$1	,553,532	\$	1,416,032
Total Public S	upport & Revenue	\$1	,715,380	\$	1,609,081
EXPENSES					
	Wages/Benefits/Taxes	\$1	,031,749	\$1	,021,063
	Supplies	\$	183,078	\$	177,223
	Occupancy	\$	227,696	\$	244,326
	Other	\$	164,808	\$	154,040
Total Expense	es	\$	1,607,331		1,596,652
NET SURPLUS/(\$	108,049	\$	12,429





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YMCA MISSION

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

YMCA VISION

We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

YMCA VALUES

Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility

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2009 LAMPLIGHTERS CLUB

The mission of the Lamplighters Club is to enable men and women who Bernice Blitz share the YMCA's ideals and traditions to ensure that this valued heritage continues for future generations. The Kankakee Area YMCA Lamplighters Club's purpose is to encourage thoughtful gifts as a primary means of building a strong endowment capable of providing lasting support for the Kankakee Area YMCA's mission. We recognize the following members whose leadership. service, and devotion to the Kankakee Area YMCA have created this heritage. A special thank you to Cathy and Rich Allers for the strong leadership they provide to the Lampliahters Club.

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20+ Years of Service Jill St. Paul Pam Gall

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