

A place for hope.

The YWCA's Centennial Capital Campaign will fund Phase I of the long-term campus master plan to enrich and expand the YWCA's campus on the corner of 300 East 300 South in Salt Lake City. Phase I will include a new Residence for Women and Children and a Center for Families.

PHASE I

YWCA Residence for Women and Children

The new residence will offer a safe and healing place for women and children who are homeless as a result of family violence to stop and gather strength and resources for the journey ahead. Comfortable living spaces in the two connected wings of the residence will offer short-term crisis shelter and extended shelter, along with transitional housing and integrated supportive services. The flexible design of the residence will help women and their families to remain safely at the YWCA and receive services while they secure long-term housing, and will free up crisis shelter space for other families in immediate danger.

Last year the YWCA was unable to fill 610 requests for crisis shelter, because the residence was full.



The YWCA estimates that the new residence will expand its current bed capacity by 50%. The new residence will be constructed on property adjacent to the YWCA's campus. With its close proximity, women, teens and children in the new residence can easily access the range of supportive services available at the YWCA, including child care, a public school classroom, children's therapeutic groups, counseling services, employment and legal assistance, health and wellness services, and long-term transitional housing.

The expanded residence will include peaceful green space in the heart of an urban center and healing child-centered areas for the hundreds of children who call the YWCA home each year to live, play and grow—free from violence.

The crisis shelter and residence in the YWCA's historic main building are currently hindered by the physical environment in which they are striving to operate. The heating, cooling, plumbing and electrical systems are inadequate and require costly repairs and maintenance. Rooms are uncomfortable and cramped, and children share communal bathrooms with unfamiliar adults and children residing in the shelter.

