

PHASE I YWCA Center for Families

The YWCA Center for Families will offer services for women and children of all races, religions, ages and socioeconomic circumstances—who are experiencing family violence. The

Center will have two primary purposes: first, to offer welcoming, confidential walk-in services for women who need information and referral, education, support, and counseling related to family violence. Second, the Center will work with private and public partners to co-locate a variety of victim-centered domestic violence services under one roof.

These services would be accessible to YWCA residents as well as community women who do not need shelter, and may include assistance navigating the criminal justice system, legal, housing and employment assistance, interpretation services, and access to support groups and therapy. Drop-in child care will be available, and culturally competent services for women of color, refugees, and immigrant women will be offered.

The Center will be constructed on the corner of 300 East 300 South where the YWCA's current crisis shelter/residential west wing now stands, and will include covered walkways connecting to the YWCA's historic main building. The YWCA estimates that more than 2,000 additional women and children would be served each year through the Center. The Center fills a critical gap in available walk-in services while increasing coordination between private and public agencies to reduce incidents of re-victimization and strengthen victim safety and offender accountability.

We have worked closely with the YWCA to develop the concept of co-located wraparound services for victims of domestic violence....The quicker we can create this infrastructure the more likely our success with domestic violence.

-Simarjit Gill, Salt Lake City Prosecutor

A recent LDS Hospital study of women treated in the emergency department found that 40% of those surveyed said they had been assaulted by a partner in their lifetimes—10% in the last year. These numbers were consistent across all races, religions and socioeconomic levels (Todd Allen, M.D. et al, LDS Hospital, October 2002).

PHASE II YWCA Historic Main Building

In Phase II of the master plan the YWCA will restore its beautiful historic main building, designed in 1919 by renowned architect Julia Morgan and believed to be the only building designed by Ms. Morgan in

*"Where there was no hope. There was the YWCA."
--- Mother residing at the YWCA*

Utah. For the last 30 years physical security has been a priority in the main building because the YWCA's social

service work has focused so heavily on family violence. This compelling need to protect the safety and privacy of YWCA residents has often worked against the original intention of the main building, which was to offer a welcoming public space for members and friends of the YWCA, as well as the community at large.

Both the interior and the exterior of the building would be restored to the greatest extent feasible. The west wing of the current building (not part of the original building) was connected in 1954 to the YWCA's main building. The YWCA expects to demolish the west wing to make room for the new YWCA Center for Families, which would be connected to the restored Julia Morgan Building by covered walkways.

With the creation of the new residence for women and children on adjoining property, the restored main building would help the YWCA reclaim and reinvigorate its long legacy of engagement with the broader community through outreach and education; women's leadership development; research and public policy work on issues important to women and their families; and programs for YWCA members and friends. This work would complement and support the YWCA's critical social services for those affected by family violence, as well as provide opportunities for the broader community to be engaged in the YWCA's mission of empowering women and girls and eliminating racism. The restoration would preserve an architectural jewel in downtown Salt Lake City.

In honor of this significant historical milestone—the YWCA's 100 years of service in our community—we ask you to join us in this capital campaign. Together we will create a place for hope for generations to come."

*-Mary Schubach McCarthy,
YWCA Centennial Campaign Chair*

Endowment

The YWCA has a history of sound fiscal management and receives funding from diverse sources including corporations, government, foundations and individuals. The YWCA would now like to secure an additional revenue stream for its future by increasing its small endowment. Earnings would help cover administrative and fundraising costs so that annual contributions could be focused more directly on the YWCA's life-changing programs and services.

