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Painting for Empowerment - United Way's Day of Caring



After thanking the Day of Caring volunteers, First Lady Jessica Doyle (right), poses with United Way's Kathy Martinson (left) and YWCA Madison CEO, Eileen Mershart (middle).



Isthmus Publishing Company volunteers pose with YWCA CEO (left) before working on painting permanent resident floors.

As part of the annual Day of Caring sponsored by the United Way of Dane County, twenty-four volunteers helped make a difference in the lives of the clients, residents and staff of the YWCA. The Day of Caring is a volunteer event that allows companies and their employees to work directly with nonprofit agencies. This year, YWCA Day of Caring volunteers painted and helped brighten the halls, entrance ways, and rooms of the YWCA.

Volunteers arrived early. Armed with a few bagels and a cup of coffee, they were ready. With paint donated by Hallman/Lindsay and the halls lined with lots of rollers, edgers, tape and drop cloths, Third Wave Technologies transformed the YWCA shelter floor's hallway to a bright shade of "Snickers Doodle." That afternoon volunteers from Isthmus Publishing Company picked up where the morning crew left off and painted many entrance ways, hallways and rooms.

A small amount of time and a bit of effort can make a difference. Residents were commenting even before the painting was finished how much brighter and better the halls looked. The volunteers who participated in the Day of Caring made a visible difference at the YWCA. Having many committed volunteers work together to create a noticeable change lifts everyone's spirits. It shows the residents and staff of the YWCA that the Madison community truly cares.

Wisconsin's First Lady, Jessica Doyle, toured several of the Day of Caring sites throughout the county. The first lady made it a point to stop and thank each volunteer for the work they were doing. When she stopped by the YWCA, she also donated several books for the children in the YWCA building.



Volunteers from Third Wave Technologies work on sprucing up the shelter floor.

October 30, 2007

Monona Terrace

1 John Nolen Drive
Madison, WI 53703

Summit Agenda

8:00 am - 8:30 am
Registration and Coffee

8:30 am - 8:45 am
Welcome
Madison Mayor Dave Cieslewicz

8:45 am - 10:30 am
Racial Wealth Divide Workshop

10:45 am - 11:30 am
Communities of Opportunity

11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Partners for a Racism-Free Community

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Lunch and Best Practices Awards
Presented by: Dane County Executive, Kathleen Falk

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Community Strategic Planning Session

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Cultural Fluency
Keynote Speaker: Phoebe Eng

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Sixth Annual YWCA

Please join us for the 6th Annual YWCA Racial Justice Summit: *Communities of Opportunity* on October 30, 2007 from 8:00-3:30 at the Monona Terrace Convention Center. The goal of the Racial Justice Summit is to bring together community leaders and stakeholders to work together to create a strategic agenda to eliminate racism in our community. We will begin the day with a series of data-driven presentations that focus on race relations at the institutional and community level.



Communities of Opportunity will be presented by Jason Reece of the interdisciplinary research institute: the **Kirwan Institute for**

the Study of Race and Ethnicity. The goal of the Kirwan Institute is to deepen our understanding of the causes of and solutions to racial and ethnic disparities and hierarchies. *Communities of Opportunity* provides a comprehensive strategy to confront the persistent racial and social inequalities that separate us. The goal of this model is a transformative change for all people by producing a more just, connected, growing and healthy community. By assuring that our residents and neighborhoods are connected to life-changing opportunity structures, we assure a better society and the promise of a better future for everyone.



We are also fortunate to be joined by **United for a Fair Economy (UFE)**, a national, independent, nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. UFE raises awareness that concentrated wealth and power undermine the economy, corrupt democracy, deepen the racial divide, and tear communities apart. They support and help build social movements for greater equality. They are presenting their

Racial Wealth Divide Workshop which debunks myths of wealth creation and explores how racial economic inequality is shaped by government policies and subsidies. Drawing on participants' family histories, the workshop reveals governmental actions that boosted white families, while keeping people of color on an economic treadmill. Hopeless? Not at all! Knowing that government action makes the opportunities that turn work into wealth, we can create new policies that get everyone on the economic escalator.

We will close the morning with a presentation from **Partners for a Racism Free Community**: a movement in Grand Rapids, Michigan of committed citizens and organizations working to move Grand Rapids from "the way it is" to "racism free" through personal commitments, institutional efforts, social advocacy and persistent intolerance of racist attitudes, words, and behavior. They will share their successful community model that was born from 10-years of community collaboration and Racial Justice Summits.

Racial Justice Summit

Over lunch, Kathleen Falk will bestow Diversity Best Practices Awards. Lunch will be followed by a community strategic planning session in which participants will identify a community Racial Justice issue for 2007-2008. There will be opportunities for people to get involved in an ongoing initiative to create measurable change by supporting the initiative with their time or with other resources.

We will end the day with a keynote address focusing on *Cultural Fluency*, presented by **Phoebe Eng**. She will provide concrete examples of communities, organizations, and social movements in the midst of change. Her presentation will feature the most fluent practices that have led to new models of opportunity enhancement, leadership development, team building, and community involvement in both public and private sectors. This session will also help our community explore its role in a wider international context.



Phoebe Eng is a strategist, national lecturer, and author of *Warrior Lessons* (Simon & Schuster, 1999), a memoir-based examination of race, empowerment, and leadership in a rapidly changing world. In recent years, Eng has worked with a broad range of institutions - city, state, and federal agencies, Fortune 500 companies, churches and universities - helping them to understand the complexities and opportunities of a

multicultural society and develop programs which increase the participation of women and people of color.

For more information about the summit or to register, you can visit the website at: <http://rjsummit.ywca.org/madison>, or you can contact Colleen or Debra at 257-1436.

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Second Annual Block Party



A Girl Neighborhood Power participant jumps double dutch at the Cookout, while YWCA staffer, Tai Words, twirls.

The second YWCA Summer Cookout was another great event! On Sunday, August 12, under beautiful clear skies YWCA board members, residents, staff, volunteers, former residents and their families and friends gathered to celebrate summer and our YWCA Community!

Children and adults alike had a wonderful time playing in the bouncy castle and with the enormous bubble wands! We also all enjoyed watching Girl Neighborhood Power come and perform double dutch - and it seemed like they had fun too! Children had their faces painted by one of our talented resident volunteers, and we were even lucky enough to have a community artist drawing caricatures capturing people enjoying the day.

Activities were not just for the kids though. We also had a fun game of bingo to start the afternoon off - and no bingo game would be complete without lots of great prizes! People had a great time with the bingo games and both the children and adult raffles. Generous volunteers staffed the grill and served up buttered corn on the cob, hot dogs, brats, root beer floats and a beautiful YWCA cake with our mission on it: Empowering Women and Eliminating Racism. There was great music, and it was not long before people started dancing in the street and enjoying the beautiful day and each other's company. Overall - it was just what we were hoping it would be - a terrific way to build community and a great afternoon of fun for all ages.

The event would not have been possible without many generous donations of time, food, money and equipment. The Resident Advocacy Project would like to extend a huge thank you to all the members of our community who helped to make the event such a great success. A special thanks goes to those local businesses that donated goods and services. We hope to continue this tradition in the future.

Back to School

It is back to school time and the children at the YWCA are ready for school with new backpacks, school supplies and new shoes. Thanks to a coordinated effort between the YWCA and the Madison Children's Museum, children at the YWCA have what they need to start school.

The Madison Children's Museum hosted a back to school night for families living at the YWCA. Parents and children had the museum to themselves to explore, play and have dinner. Families became familiar with the museum through a scavenger hunt and other activities. Each parent received information about school and ideas for helping children adjust to a new school year. Museum and YWCA staff talked about the neighborhood schools, parent involvement and answered questions.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church parishioners provided funds for shoe store gift certificates so all children could have new shoes for the new school year. Backpacks, clothing and other school supplies were gathered during a back to school drive organized by museum and YWCA staff. Friends and supporters helped make the event a success with donations and their efforts.

The Back to School night was a fun evening for families and all involved. It is one of many collaborative efforts between the YWCA and the Madison Children's Museum. There have been Family Fun Nights and Parent Fun Nights at the Museum and the Museum has brought exhibits to the YWCA. The Museum provides affordable, fun family activities and space to play in the YWCA downtown neighborhood. YWCA families have provided good input to the museum staff on making the museum more accessible for working and low-income families. The Back to School night was just another way to help families get their children ready for school.



Mom picks up her child during play time at the Madison Children's Museum.

GNP Active in our Community



GNP participants work at a local food pantry.

Once again the YWCA's Girl Neighborhood Power (GNP) sites have had a very busy and productive summer. Girls from our five community center sites attended GNP programs daily, participating in book clubs, learning to knit and crochet, swimming, learning photography, camping and hiking at Devils Lake, taking bike rides, and many more enriching activities. Summer highlights include:

- Girls at Vera Court and Bridge Lake Point continue weekly visits with senior citizens as they deliver nutritious meals through their Meals On Wheels Service Project. Not only do they deliver hot meals, but also lots of energy and compassion, as the girls spend time with seniors each week trading stories.
- Girls at our West-side Outreach program provided several FUN DAYS for many of the younger residents at the downtown YWCA. GNP girls put their Dane County Red Cross Baby-sitting Certification program to work. This was a great opportunity for moms to have some free time, and for our GNP participants to practice their leadership skills teaching new games to eager kids and reading to them as well.
- Girls from our Atwood GNP Program attended an Entrepreneurial Camp and now are busy creating and promoting a variety of products they will sell at their schools this fall.
- Kennedy Heights GNP girls completed a photography club and are working with our GNP photographer Sandy Wojal-Weber preparing for a fall Photo Exhibit at the Madison Overture Center. *On the Borderline* will open October 22 and run through January 6 on the Second Floor Gallery. Pictures from several GNP summer photo clubs will be on display.

Now with the start of school, all of our girls will hit the books again, with great attention being paid to their academic needs. Tutors are needed to work individually with girls as they work to meet the demands of middle and high school subjects. Volunteers are needed to work with girls during the school day, after school and/or early evening. Contact Meme Kintner at 255-3295 or by email at mkintner@ywcamadison.org to learn more about this special volunteer opportunity.

YWCA presents new series to Eliminate Racism in Madison

The YWCA has been offering Racial Justice programming in Madison for the past five years and we are now expanding to offer all of our cornerstone programs as a series. The goal of the series is to explore how racism affects all of us, regardless of what we look like, and how racism is manifested both individually and within institutions in Madison. While no one attends a workshop and reverses a lifetime of experiences, these workshops open the door for people in attendance to view their community from new perspectives, and they encourage participants to continue their personal journey to eliminate racism.

Past workshop participants have said:

- "I am leaving with increased consciousness and an awareness of how I can use my race and class privilege to counter racism and classism"
- "I will be even more vigilant about my hidden attitudes and assumptions"
- "I need to work harder to educate myself and to be more proactive in my fight against racism and other ism's."
- "I am taking with me the spirit to keep working daily on consciousness raising, and I hold the power of the women and the depth of their feelings with me to keep me going"
- "I'm really grateful you are carrying on this work in Madison. It is so needed!"

The series will provide an in-depth experience as well as the opportunity to forge strong relationships with other series participants working on the same issues. The elimination of racism is an on-going process that requires persistence, commitment, and continuing dialogue between individuals and groups. This series is designed to be part of a continuum of services to meet individuals where they are, and through constructive dialogue and meaningful action, improve race relations and find ways to eliminate racism.

Workshops will be held every 3 weeks starting on January 8th, 2008 on Tuesday mornings from 8:30-12:30 at the YWCA (101 E. Mifflin St.) through April 22nd. For more detailed information, please visit www.ywcamadison.org, call Colleen at 257-1436, or email racialjustice@ywcamadison.org.

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Second Chance Creates Pathways for Success

Second Chance Workshops Gain Momentum

Second Chance Workshops provide case management, education and skills development to help individuals and families successfully obtain and maintain housing. The workshops are designed to help families that have not rented before or have had difficulty maintaining housing in the past.

Participants attend two, three-hour trainings that cover a range of topics including: building and repairing credit, financial planning, finding and maintaining housing, understanding landlord/tenant and fair housing laws, communicating with landlords and understanding notices and contracts associated with renting. Some graduates are eligible for case management, financial mentoring, and other follow-up services. In 2006, 252 individuals graduated from the program and twenty-one families obtained housing specifically because they completed the Second Chance Program.

The YWCA Second Chance Tenant and Financial Education Program relies on volunteers to present the curriculum at the workshops. The Second Chance Program would like to extend a warm welcome to a new presenter, Rob Dicke of Fiduciary Real Estate Development, Inc.

Rob joins fellow community volunteers Dana Pelebon from Wisconsin Management, staff from Summit Credit Union and UW Credit Union in presenting to our students. Thank you, volunteers!

S.K.I.L.L.S. Returns This Fall

The YWCA S.K.I.L.L.S. Program (Student Knowledge of Independent Living and Life Skills), a tenant and financial education program for at-risk students in some of the Madison Metropolitan School District's alternative high school programs will be presented again this fall. The program reached over 100 students last spring and we are looking forward to working with young people again this fall!

Second Chance Graduate Reaches Her Goals

Kari* came from a life of hardship where alcohol and other drugs were a negative influence. She was in an abusive relationship and her partner made her ashamed of herself. Because she did not have her high school diploma, she felt that she would never be able to change her life for the better. At forty-eight years old, Kari decided she was no longer going to allow her past to continue to keep her down.

When Kari came to the YWCA for help, she was very confused about what she should do to turn her life around. She first enrolled in The Second Chance Workshops where she learned about tenant and landlord law, how to budget her money, and saw her credit report for the first time. Finishing the class was the second step that moved her closer to fulfilling her goals and rebuilding self-confidence. Finally she received guidance from the YWCA Second Chance Case Manager to figure out what goals were the most important to her. Kari decided that her most important goals were to further her education and to have a stable place to live so she could study and care for her family. Her meetings with the Second Chance Case Manager helped her find affordable housing and get started with trying to finish her GED (General Education Diploma). They also worked on how to communicate with her landlord and how to keep rental documents for future reference.

It has been one year since Kari first came to the YWCA. She will be receiving her GED on September 21st and is currently renting a two-bedroom apartment with her new husband! After completing her GED Kari will start at MATC to focus on her education. She plans on pursuing an Associate Degree in Human Services to help families who have been afflicted by problems with alcohol, drugs and abuse. Kari feels that without the YWCA she would still be walking in circles wondering when things were going to change for her. She is grateful to all the volunteers of the Second Chance Workshop and the Second Chance Case Manager who helped make her circles turn into a pathway to making herself feel proud.

* Names have been changed to protect confidentiality.



Upcoming Events

October 22 - November 2nd, 2007
Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat

February 26, 2008
Circle of Women

October 30, 2007
Sixth Annual YWCA Racial Justice Summit

March 11, 2008
Unlearning Racism I

January 29, 2008
Heart to Heart I

May 29, 2008
Women of Distinction

February 19, 2008
Heart to Heart II

April 1, 2008
Unlearning Racism II

For more information on these events,
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YW Transit Keeping Families Safe, Connected & Healthy

With the aim of preventing sexual assault and violence, YW Transit began providing free nighttime rides this past July for people in Madison with no other viable transportation options. YW Transit also provides daytime rides to individuals or groups through contracts with community agencies, along with individual rides to Medical Assistance recipients traveling to medically related appointments.

On a nightly basis we hear stories that demonstrate how much this program is needed in Madison. One woman thanked us because before YW Transit started, she had to sleep at the West Transfer Point while waiting for the first morning bus to arrive, after getting off of work late at night. Putting herself at high risk of sexual assault and violence because she was stranded without transportation was the only way she could keep her second shift job. Another woman thanked us for being able to give her a ride when a family member threatened to harm her if she didn't leave the house immediately. With no car and no money, YW Transit was this woman's only way to remove herself from a threatening situation and not become another statistic of domestic violence. Charity, a woman who takes YW Transit home from work, says, "YW Transit is the best thing to happen to the women of Madison. They are a God send."

YW Transit may seem minimal to some; it's just a ride. But that ride can actually prevent violence from occurring. Furthermore, YW Transit can allow a parent to get home sometimes hours earlier so that they are able help their children with homework and spend quality time with their family.

Women outside alone late at night are at increased risk of sexual assault. Low-income women especially are looking for ways to stay safe but also get to the places they need to go – to a third shift job or home from second shift jobs, to get their children from childcare, and to the grocery store or pharmacy.

Rather than respond to sexual assault and violence after it has occurred, YW Transit takes a preventative approach to a serious community problem by offering free, safe nighttime rides every night of the year between 8pm-2am. We are working towards building a base of over 70 volunteers, so that we are able to offer rides commensurate with the demand. Individuals interested in volunteering for YW Transit should call our volunteer coordinator, Samantha at (608) 257-1436.

make a difference.

Volunteer with YW Transit. Volunteer drivers, ride-along driver assistants, and dispatchers are needed for both daytime and evening shifts.

Contact Samantha River, Volunteer Coordinator, at 608-257-1436 or sriver@ywcamadison.org to get involved.



Kristin Petroschius, YW Transit Assistant Coordinator, welcomes a call from a regular rider as her shift begins.

YW Transit
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YW Transit driver Denean Dillard loves driving!

Volunteer Make a Difference

Volunteer Awards Bestowed

Each year at the YWCA Board of Director's Annual Meeting, the YWCA honors volunteers who have made a significant contribution to the YWCA. The YWCA relies on volunteers who provide over 4000 hours of their time. This year's honorees volunteer with the Third Street Program, a program for single moms with small children, and at the Employment and Training Annex, where the YWCA offers many avenues for pursuing family supporting jobs.

Terry had this to say about her volunteer experience, "The staff I work with are the voice for those who need it the most! The compassion and tolerance exhibited is more than I've ever been exposed to. This has been a very enriching experience for me, and I hope to continue helping." Terry's other interests include spending time with her grandchild, cooking, and traveling.



Katrina, Sandy and Ashley (from left to right) Thompson

Sandy Thompson and her daughters Ashley and Katrina volunteer with the Third Street Program. Sandy first became involved with the YWCA of Madison while attending Madison Area Technical College in September 2003. She started as an intern with the Third Street Program. While Sandy was an intern, she began to bring Ashley and Katrina with her to volunteer with the children's program. The girls enjoyed it so much that they continued to volunteer after their mother's internship was over. In fact, Ashley and Katrina decided to volunteer at the YWCA in lieu of holding birthday parties and brought gifts to Third Street Families instead of getting their own presents.

Sandy is a full time student at Edgewood College in Madison, where she will graduate in December 2007 with a bachelor's degree in Sociology with a Human Service concentration. She is planning on pursuing a career in Social Work working with low-income families or in child protective services when she has completed her degree. Ashley is a sophomore at Evansville High School and Katrina is a seventh grader at J. C. McKenna Middle School in Evansville.



Terry Lickel

Terry Lickel's work with the YWCA began with a phone call to the United Way looking for volunteer opportunities. She was referred to the YWCA and eagerly signed up for an interview and tour of the downtown office. After her application was reviewed, she began volunteering at the YWCA Employment and Training Annex. Terry provides much needed administrative support to the programs housed at the Annex.

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YWCA World Council Meeting in Nairobi



World Council's Voting Delegates

This past July, the YWCA World Council gathered in Nairobi, Kenya to work on the constitution of the World YWCA and to focus the world's attention on the feminization of the AIDS/HIV pandemic in Africa. YWCA Madison CEO, Eileen Merhart, was among the attendees.

The Council opened with several staff and volunteers from the US delegation attending "Cultural Safaris," visiting different African YWCAs. The African Partnership Safari provided a unique opportunity for Council delegates and observers to visit YWCAs in Africa and learn about the situation facing women and the programs used to respond to these issues.

Next, it was on to the Young Women's Leadership Forum, which facilitated the active involvement of young women in the World YWCA Council and equips young women to influence decision making.

The 25th Extraordinary World Council was a special session of Council for voting delegates of affiliated associations and observers. It reviewed and voted on the adoption of the proposed revised Constitution of the World YWCA. Based on extensive consultation, the Constitution has been revised to respond to the current realities of the YWCA, which now includes over 100 affiliated member associations. One thousand delegates from ninety-one associations gathered in the garden of the Nairobi Convention Centre as they entered the Kenyatta Conference Center.

For the past four years following the 2003 Brisbane World Council meeting, the World YWCA had been engaged in an in-depth analysis of its structure and bylaws. The last time the constitution, basis and preamble had been changed was 1955. A revised constitution was introduced and passed with a more inclusive preamble. The document retains the historic roots of the World YWCA but affirms that the organization reaches out to all women.

The World YWCA launched the first-ever International Women's Summit on HIV and AIDS. The Forum was designed by positive women from all regions to respond to the needs and issues of women living with HIV and provided a forum for networking and

building strategic partnerships. Over 1800 participants from all parts of the world were in attendance. The summit focused on the strategies, skills and partnerships needed to address rising HIV infection rates in women and girls. Currently, approximately 17.5 million women are living with HIV globally, an increase of over one million within the last two years. The proportion is highest in sub-Saharan Africa where almost 60 percent of people living with HIV are women.

The 26th World Council saw the election of a new president from Australia to the World YWCA, Susan Brennan. The newly elected president said that she had three thoughts for her agenda for action during her presidency.

First, she wants to "continue the momentum of young women's leadership, not just talking about it but walking the talk and delivering on making seats at the table for young women leaders."

Second, she wants to see the World YWCA "grow its global advocacy role." She continued to explain that she believes that YWCAs globally have "a remarkable, untapped potential to bring the voices of women in our programs to the United Nations and other international organizations and into the international women's movement at large."

Third, Brennan wishes to move forward through mobilizing the support and involvement of all of us, knowing that we can make the best progress when each of us has realized the potential she holds as an individual first, then unites with others in collective action. Brennan wants to "remind the women of the YWCA USA that they are part of an international sisterhood with shared beliefs and aspirations, all addressing similar issues such as domestic violence, economic empowerment, and HIV/AIDS." And, she reiterates, "We can address these issues most effectively, especially on a global basis, when we all work together to realize the empowerment of women."



World Council Attendees (from left to right) Eileen Merhart - YWCA Madison CEO, Jan Peery - YWCA Oklahoma City Executive Director, Susan Brennan - World YWCA President, Christy Dailey - YWCA Southwest Delta Regional Director, Becky Hines - YWCA McLean County, IL Executive Director



Presents

YWCA Madison's Fifth Annual Circle of Women™
Tuesday, February 26, 2008 - 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
Exhibition Hall at Alliant Energy Center

The Circle of Women Event provides participants with the opportunity to learn about the YWCA and to network with others from diverse social, ethnic, economic, educational and cultural backgrounds. Funds raised at the event will support the YWCA Madison's employment and training, counseling, housing and racial justice programs, which enrich the lives of Madison and Dane County women and families.

Become a table captain and help complete the Circle of Women. Table captains commit to filling a table of ten. Each of the guests agrees to a minimum \$100 pledge to the YWCA. Through these individual efforts, combined with sponsorship dollars, we hope to raise more than \$130,000 over one lunch hour! Fill out the form below to become a Table Captain or attend, sign up to volunteer as a Table Captain online at www.ywcamadison.org or contact Debra at 608.257.1436 or dschwabe@ywcamadison.org for more information.



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Circle of Women!

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You can also sign up to be a Table Captain on our website at www.ywcamadison.org. To attend contact dschwabe@ywcamadison.org.



Girl Neighborhood Power's
**6th Annual Trick or Treat
 Community Food Drive**

Each year at Halloween, Girl Neighborhood Power and Community Action Coalition for South-Central Wisconsin, Inc. sponsor a countywide food drive to fill local food pantries to support families through the holiday season. If a trick or treat bag arrives at your door, please fill it with nutritious but non-perishable food.

If you or your family would like to sponsor a food drive at your school, youth organization, church, even at your work site, give us a call. Its as easy as "Trick or Treat" with our Food Drive Kit. Visit the YWCA web page at www.ywcamadison.org for promotional flyers, special trick or treat bags, food barrels and more ideas! Calls are welcome at 608-255-3295.

Help us fill our food pantries for the holidays!

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