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Heart to Heart Conversations

Fourth Annual Racial Justice Conference to be held October 21st

The Fourth Annual YWCA Racial Justice Conference is proud to feature Shakti Butler on October 21st from 8:00-12:30 at the Monona Terrace Convention Center. Her facilitation of this conference will serve to kick-off a new component of our Racial Justice Initiative: **Heart to Heart Conversations**, a national program of public dialogue that speaks to social issues of race, gender, class, and sexual orientation.

Dr. Butler is the producer and director of the ground-breaking documentaries, *The Way Home*, *Light in the Shadows*, and her newest film *Making Whiteness Visible*. The videos serve as a model for dialogue and set the context for the **Heart to Heart Conversations**, which move beyond black and white to motivate people to build a more just, equitable and democratic community.

***Making Whiteness Visible* will have its Madison debut at the 2005 YWCA Racial Justice conference!** This film focuses on the learning experiences of white people committed to challenging racism in the U.S. Their stories are insightful, poignant and speak to the subtle and overt behaviors stemming from bias that takes many forms: personal, interpersonal, cultural, institutional and systemic. The shared self-inquiry and analysis of the interviewees makes the impact and cost of racism noticeable to every member of this society.

In one of her earlier films, *The Way Home*, Shakti features eight ethnic councils

of women who came together to talk honestly about race, gender, and class in the United States. Their candid conversations offer rare access into their multi-dimensional cultural worlds mostly invisible to outsiders. The YWCA's Racial Justice Initiative intends to use **Heart to Heart Conversations** and Dr. Butler's films to encourage meaningful dialogue on how racial oppression interacts with, and is affected by, class, gender and sexual orientation, and how each of these forms of oppression affect every member of our community.

After attending a screening of *The Way Home* that was accompanied by a training facilitated by Dr. Butler, Dr. Melanie Teralon, a Consultant at the Children's Hospital at the University of California, said "Ms. Butler's leadership in conceptualizing the issues of racism at the institutional and individual level is revealed not only in the film, but also in her personal work as a well-recognized and well-respected facilitator and public speaker on these topics...Shakti Butler led a group of 70...through several clips of video and an inspirational public discussion of racism and issues of difference. The audience participants raved about both the content and the conditions that Ms. Butler created for the exploration and analysis of these often-taboo topics."

This conference is designed to unearth embedded assumptions, elicit new questions, and create potentials for learning and dialogue. It concludes



Keynote Speaker Shakti Butler

with a general conversation, followed by a question and answer session with Ms. Butler. It is intended to open the door for participants to view their community from new perspectives, and to give them tools to effectively work in a diverse environment. No element of the YWCA's Racial Justice programming is meant to stand alone; we provide a continuum of services to meet people where they are, and through our programming and support, improve race relations and find ways to eliminate racism.

For more information or to register for this event, please contact Colleen at 257-1436 or racialjustice@ywcamadison.org. You can also register online at www.rj.event.ywca.org/madison.

YWCA gets Bright Spaces

As part of its ongoing commitment to local communities, children and families, Lands' End, in partnership with The Bright Horizons Foundation for Children, dedicated six play spaces – called Bright Spaces – for children and their families on Tuesday, May 10. Lands' End is the first corporate supporter of Bright Spaces in Wisconsin.

Bright Spaces are designed to provide homeless children in shelters with dedicated, enriching play areas. Bright Spaces place special emphasis on reading and dramatic play and are filled with stimulating books, costumes, puppets, toys and activities that trigger the imagination, help develop sensory and large motor skills and build self-esteem.

Residents of the YWCA housing programs and executives from Lands' End, The Bright Horizons Foundation for Children and the YWCA explored the six Bright Spaces with seascape, carnival and garden themes. The new spaces include a performance stage under a circus Big Top for children, colorful murals, child-size upholstered benches in a cozy reading nook, a giant tree for families to read under, new toys, curtains, window boxes, and a bistro.

The Grand Opening Celebration included First Lady Jessica Doyle reading *B is for Badger* to children living in YWCA's Third Street Program and on the shelter floor. In addition, residents and guests enjoyed live music, a magician, snacks and conversation.

Kala, a Third Street mom, enjoys the new Bright Spaces with her son, Jeremiah, 9 months. She says that it's a safe place for kids in the program to play. Moms enjoy knowing that there's nothing



YWCA Executive Director, Eileen Mershart, First Lady Jessica Doyle, former Lands' End CEO Mindy Meads and Bright Spaces Volunteer Martha Harrison (from left to right) pose in the newly redecorated 11th Floor Multipurpose room.

for the kids to get into and hurt themselves on. Jeremiah and his friend Jaylon, another 3rd Street resident, love playing together in the infant room. "They just go at it," Kala says. They love the mirrors, the variety of toys and the bright colors. Their moms enjoy the comfortable seating, the different themed rooms and knowing that it's clean and safe. Not many residents used the rooms before the makeover, but now it's a place where the whole Third Street Community can come together and enjoy themselves.



Sidney plays with the new light table provided by Bright Spaces.



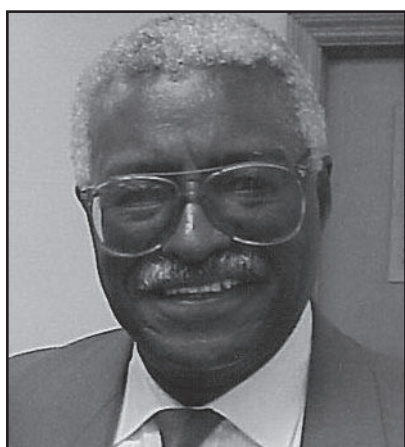
Jeremiah and Jaylon enjoy the Bright Spaces.

YWCA Madison to Bestow Two Racial Justice Awards

Annual awards ceremony to be held during 4th Annual Racial Justice Conference on October 21

In keeping with the YWCA's One Imperative, "to eliminate racism wherever it exists," we are proud to continue this annual tradition of honoring "ordinary people doing extraordinary work" in the area of racial justice.

On Friday, October 21st, as part of the 4th Annual YWCA Racial Justice Conference, the YWCA will honor Dr. Richard Harris and the YWCA Racial Justice Volunteers with the 2005 Racial Justice Award for their efforts to create a more tolerant and diverse society.



Dr. Richard Harris

Dr. Richard Harris has always sought ways to remedy the social and economic inequities that persist in communities of color. Today, as the Executive Director of Genesis Development Center, he is committed to meeting the needs of economically disadvantaged individuals by providing job training, health awareness programs, education programs, mental health and other drug abuse outpatient clinics, residential services, as well as economic development initiatives on Madison's South side. As a long-time Madison resident, Dr. Harris saw a tremendous waste of human talent occurring in Madison's south side neighborhoods. He focuses on leveling the playing field for small minority owned businesses to help them establish roots in South Madison, while working to bridge employment opportunities between these businesses and residents of disenfranchised neighborhoods. "It is imperative that Genesis succeed," says Harris. "If we don't, it could possibly delay the establishment of another black or minority agency by three to four years. We've always had that on our minds – we have to succeed, not just for us, but for others." Because of his uncompromising principles, his commitment to civil rights, and his skills in community development and creating partnerships, the YWCA is proud to honor Dr. Harris with the 2005 Racial Justice Award, for an individual.



A few of the YWCA Racial Justice Volunteers (Front row, from left to right, Rachel Krinsky, Nancy Wrenn Bauch, Rachel Jovi. Back row, Lisa Subeck, Marcy Stutzman, Barbara Arnold and Glenn Ruiz) facilitated a recent "It's Time to Talk" Brown Bag Lunch.

The volunteers for the YWCA Racial Justice program are an incredibly committed and diverse group of individuals who have attended extensive training to gain skills in facilitating YWCA sponsored programming on race and diversity. Volunteers facilitate at large and small community lunches and workshops, as well as at different workplaces in the Madison Community. The mission of the YWCA Racial Justice Program is to help individuals, organizations, and companies in the Madison community improve race relations and find ways to eliminate racism through constructive dialogue and meaningful action. The commitment shown by the Racial Justice volunteers furthers the YWCA's goals of eliminating racism and creating racial equity. The YWCA could not be happier to present the 2005 Racial Justice Award for a group to the YWCA Racial Justice Volunteers.

The YWCA of Madison has given its Racial Justice Award since 1990. Its purpose is to recognize and honor individuals, corporations, and organizations that work toward the elimination of racism and the creation of racial equity.

Fall Racial Book Club Selection

A Yellow Raft in Blue Water by Michael Dorris

Indian Dance Performance to Kick-Off 10th Annual Week Without Violence

Through dance, the Natyarpana Indian Dance Company has staged many cross-cultural events in Wisconsin since its initiation in 2003. On October 16th from 3:00 – 4:30 at the Middleton Performing Arts Center, they will perform to raise awareness about the YWCA and our mission to provide leadership in our community, nation, and world in the struggle for peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people.

The company dancers perform in several cultural organizations, public libraries and participate in major collaborative productions, charitable shows, fund-raisers and multicultural events. Natyarpana aims to cultivate self-esteem, grace and poise with a fine sense of rhythm and coordination. They also offer lecture demonstrations regularly to encourage a better appreciation of this dynamic art form.



Kripa performs with a Mahisha Girls Group.

Kripa, the coordinator of the dance company, is an accomplished dancer and choreographer who has traveled the world to perform the most revered South Indian classical dance, Bharatanatyam. She is a gifted artist from the younger generation of Bharatanatyam dancers who began her journey at the age of 7 and did her Arangetram - or dance debut - at 14. Kripa had intensive training in Nattuvangam, the art of conducting a dance recital, and she received additional training in Kala Peetham.

Kripa matured into a talented Bharatanatyam dancer. She has also done Nattuvangam for renowned dancers like Dr. Ambika Kameshwar and Smt. Vijayantimala Bali. As a trained classical singer, Kripa also provides vocal support for the dance concerts. Kripa is the director of Natyarpana school of dance where she offers weekly dance lessons in Bharatanatyam. Kripa has been teaching this art form for over a decade now and has been applauded by both the public and the press for her excellent performances and dedication towards the art form.

Asian Moon Festival organizers said, “our audience was enchanted by her performance. Her devotion and passion for Bharatanatyam is evident in the energy she brings to her performance and is equally reflected in the enthusiasm of her students, I am delighted to have found Kripa.” The YWCA is thrilled that Kripa’s Dance Company has volunteered to perform, to commemorate the day of “Replacing Violence With Sports, Recreation and Fun” as part of our Week Without Violence.

Natyarpana Dance Company will also be performing at the Middleton Performing Arts Center on Saturday, September 17th. They are proud to present “Goddess versus the Evil,” a full length Dance Ballet set to lilting music, showcasing stunning props and costumes from India. The story, based on ancient literature, glorifies the victory of good over evil. For more information and tickets, call 608-831-6873, email natyarpana@yahoo.com or visit their website at www.natyarpana.com.



Presents

YWCA Madison's Third Annual Circle of Women™
Thursday, February 16, 2006 - 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall

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 \$100,000 over one lunch hour! Fill out the form below or contact Debra at 608.257.1436 or dschwabe@ywcamadison.org for more information.



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Girl Neighborhood Power's Exciting Summer



What a way to spend an afternoon! This Jamaican waterfall gives the Atwood GNP girls an experience of a lifetime. (Photo courtesy of Jonathan J. Miner)

Girl Neighborhood Power has had a very busy summer. For the first time in GNP's history, we left the country! Nine GNP girls earned their way to an international community project traveling to Jamaica with Project JAMAD. Project JAMAD is a program of the Early Learning Center Inc. Each year the program invites a group of youth to participate in a one week cultural exchange in Jamaica. This was a life changing experience. It was the first time these girls flew in an airplane, swam in an ocean, visited a foreign county, and lived, worked, and played with girls different and yet so much the same. They were proud ambassadors of GNP and our community, and look forward to sharing this experience with their families and friends.

May marked the end of school and more importantly for GNP, the annual Fashion Show! The girls at Vera Court Neighborhood Center hosted their 4th annual GNP Fashion and Talent show. Over twenty girls on the north side of Madison showed off new spring fashions and performed a variety of stunning performances which included the Vera Court GNP Dance Troupe. Per tradition at Vera Court events, the girls compete with the fine food served by "Chef Mac." The Fashion Show included a barbecue dinner, but the girls won the competition and have been the buzz throughout the neighborhood all summer!

Things did not slow down in June. A team of high school girls from the Atwood and Kennedy Heights program represented Madison at the Wisconsin Regional Teen Institute held each year on the University of Wisconsin Richland Center campus. Eight young women spent four long, hot days and nights working with youth from across the state developing community action plans that will be the focus of their programming throughout this year. Watch for a 2006 Spring Cultural Fair hosted by these GNP leaders.

Bridge Lake Point program has also had an exciting and exhausting summer. They have worked with the staff and community to plan a whole new playground in the

center's "backyard." GNP girls spent the summer brainstorming, drawing maps, measuring and plotting the ground and planting. They interviewed kids and families to find out exactly what the perfect playground would be. With support from Home Depot and many other community groups, a state of the art playground has been installed that will provide safe and exciting play for years to come.

Looking towards fall, Halloween is not far away. Girl Neighborhood Power is gearing up for the fourth annual *Trick or Treat* community food drive. GNP challenges Dane County youth to add a new twist to their Halloween celebration this year. No tricks, just a gigantic county wide food drive open to all youth groups and organizations. We will provide special bags so kids can *Trick or Treat* for canned goods and other non perishable items. Participants can also sponsor a food drive at school, church or clubs.

Adults can get involved as well by sponsoring a food drive at your place of employment. Visit our website, www.girlneighborhoodpower.org, for promotional flyers, special trick or treat bags, food barrels and more ideas! For more information please contact Meme Kintner at meme@girlneighborhoodpower.org or 241-1574 ext 26. Help us fill our food pantries for the holidays!

Residents' Window to the City

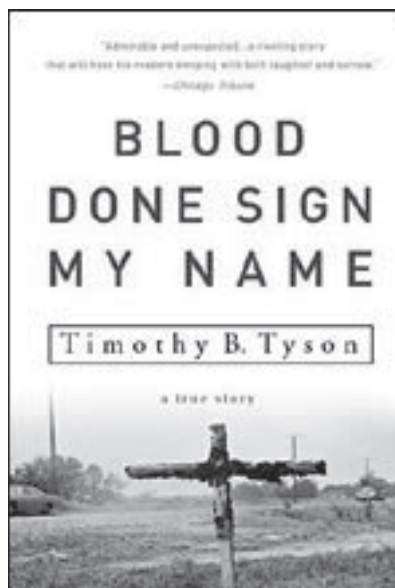
Last winter, I had the pleasure of attending my first UW Men's Basketball game thanks to an anonymous donation of 2 tickets to the YWCA. The YWCA residents who attended free of charge felt as though they had been to Disneyland.

We often receive free and reduced passes to cultural events. There are always 8-10 residents who thrive on the performing arts, and who become acquainted by discovering our similar interests. For several years, the Madison Repertory Theater regularly sent us vouchers to attend the dress rehearsals of their magnificent plays, the Overture Center sends us \$2 tickets throughout the year, and the Madison Symphony Orchestra generously donated season passes last year. The Bartell Theater has occasionally sent over complimentary tickets. These opportunities richly satisfy those of us who can't fit theater tickets into our budgets.

The YWCA is a safe place in the world where my feet have found solid ground after events changed my financial circumstances. What I never expected was that the larger community - individuals and organizations - would see us as a part of their world, interested in the sports and cultural events that make Madison such a special city. We don't always know the names of individuals who have us in mind with gifts of tickets, but we are aware of the existence of generous spirits out there who connect us with the heartbeat of this fine city, and we thank them.

— A YWCA Resident

Wisconsin Book Festival Teams up with Week Without Violence



The YWCA will co-sponsor "A More Perfect Union: Tim Tyson & Craig Werner" as part of the Wisconsin Book Festival and the YWCA Week Without Violence, on Saturday, October 15th from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM at the Wisconsin Historical Society Headquarters. Tim Tyson is a professor of Afro-American Studies and the author of "Blood Done Sign My Name." Tyson will read

from his book, a gripping story of the author's own experience of race relations in the United States, focusing on a 1970's lynching in his hometown. *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* said, "If you want to read only one book to understand the uniquely American struggle for racial equality and the swirls of emotion around it, this is it." His discussion will highlight the ongoing struggles we face to establish justice, and it will introduce the 2006 A More Perfect Union theme, To Establish Justice.

Craig Werner is the Evelyn and Michael Howe Professor of Afro-American Studies and Integrated Liberal Studies at UW-Madison. He is the author of "A change is Gonna Come: Music, Race and the Soul of America," among other books. He is one of UW-Madison's most popular professors, and his discussion will reflect on the constitutional mandate to the U.S. government to provide for the Common Defense. A joint question and answer session will follow. This event is presented by the Wisconsin Humanities Council with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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Girl Neighborhood Power invites you to help fill community food pantries through our county wide food drive October 24 through November 2, 2005. Its as easy as "Trick or Treat" with our Food Drive Kit that includes special bags, press releases, articles for your newsletters, or help designing something just for your event. Give us a call at 241-1574 ext 26, email at meme@girlneighborhoodpower.org, or order directly offtheGNPwebpageat www.girlneighborhoodpower.org Thanks for your help!

New Job Options Coordinator



Leslie Westerfelt

Leslie Westerfelt accepted the position as the new Job Options/Displaced Homemakers Coordinator on June 1st. This is a new and challenging position, though she is not new to the YWCA. She started at 16 doing data entry over the summer. In the fall, she worked as an office assistant, then moved to the front desk. When Leslie graduated from high school, she began working at the Employment and Training Annex as a Program Assistant. Leslie has learned so much at the YWCA and is very grateful for the opportunities she has been given.

The Job Options/Displaced Homemakers Coordinator position offers her the chance to increase her skills in social services and gives her more direct client contact, which is what she enjoys the most. The most rewarding aspect of this work is getting the call from someone reporting they have been offered a job and hearing "the Y has saved my life!"

The Job Options and Displaced Homemakers Programs serve anyone in the community. They specifically reach out to women returning to the workforce and single mothers or families in the shelter/transitional housing programs. The largest challenges these populations face are transportation and childcare, which are even more problematic in these times of funding cuts and high gas prices. There is a lack of skills, especially computer skills, which Job Options tries to combat by offering tutorials in typing, Word, and Excel. The Job Options Program will also be offering workshops regarding employment topics such as Networking, Interviewing Skills, Unemployment/Discrimination Legal issues, and more.

Finding a job is hard work. It can be humbling, intimidating, and confusing, and most of the time people just need a place where they can come to ask questions in a comfortable environment. Job Options and Displaced Homemakers offer job seekers resources towards self-sufficiency and a better life for their families. Leslie can be contacted at lwesterfelt@ywcamadison.org or 608-255-3098.

Shoes for Homeless Children

For the past few years, Girl Council from Atwood Neighborhood Center has been helping out the residents of the YWCA. Girl Council is a leadership council of Girl Neighborhood Power. As a member of the Girl Council, girls are involved in a variety of leadership opportunities including selecting and leading community service projects, providing staff with a sounding board for future program direction, and representing GNP at community events. They have raised money through bake sales to buy holiday gifts for each and every child at the YWCA. They have run BINGO for our permanent residents. This summer they are raising money to purchase new gym shoes for each child staying in our homeless shelter for back to school. If anyone would like to contribute to this back to school shoe drive, please contact Debra at debra@atwoodcc.org.



Meme Kintner, Girl Neighborhood Power Coordinator, sits in on a Girl Council planning meeting.

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Making a Thoughtful Plan is Key

Careful planning in life is important in achieving your goals. In planning for the end of life, you can make sure your estate is disposed of the way you want to meet your legacy goals.

Even if you don't have a lot of money, property or dependents, it is a good idea to develop an estate plan. With a good estate plan you can know that after your death your property and assets will be disposed of as you wish, provide for your beneficiaries and others, provide important support for charitable organizations, protect the value of your estate from estate administration expenses and possible estate taxes, and make your wishes known about funeral and burial preferences.

If you don't already have a will, you should consider creating one as the foundation of your estate planning. Your will is the guide as to how you wish to dispose of your estate. It is a good idea to sit down with your tax advisor or attorney to help you develop a will and estate plan that best meets your needs and goals. You can choose a trusted friend to act as your personal representative to administer your estate after your death.

Many people say "I've had a good life and have been successful and I want to give something back." For these people, their charitable beneficiaries – church, school, health institutions, social service organizations, and others— are deserving of support in life and in estate planning as well. You can perpetuate support people and groups that are important to you through a legacy gift in your will.

The YWCA Madison hopes that you will consider us in your will or other estate plans and would be pleased to hear from you. For more information about the YWCA and making a Legacy Gift to the YWCA contact Steve Leger, Development Officer at 257-1436 or by email at sleger@ywcamadison.org.

Apartment Project Helps Families

The Second Chance Apartment Project is a partnership between YWCA, Interfaith Hospitality Network, and local congregations and other community groups to end homelessness in our community. Homeless families are referred to the program through the YWCA, IHN and Salvation Army homeless shelters. These families are then provided with affordable housing, intensive case management, and mentor support.

The Second Chance Apartment Project has had two recent graduates and one more family getting ready to graduate. Each family has moved into affordable housing and has achieved personal goals including further education, career advancement, debt reduction, family stability and so much more. Thank you to the congregations and groups that have sponsored these graduates and our families still in the program.

We are also pleased to welcome two new sponsors to the program, Madison Christian Communities and Christ Presbyterian Church, Their commitment means two more families will move out of shelter into stable housing and receive intensive support from a case manager and a team of mentors.

Each congregation involved in the program provides rental of one apartment in the community, volunteer mentors to work with the family, furniture and housewares for the family, moving assistance to the family, and assistance with cleaning or repairs. IHN provides intensive case management for the families, training and supervision for volunteer mentors, and technical assistance for the congregations. The YWCA provides tenant education through the Second Chance Workshops, assistance to the family in the area of employment, screening of families, contact with property owners, collecting rent from the families, and administering an Individual Development Account into which rent is deposited and saved for utility payments, paying off family debt, meeting educational goals, etc.

Families may remain in the program for up to two years. During this time, they learn skills necessary to maintain future housing and become more economically secure. Families have the opportunity to eliminate many of the barriers that prevented them from securing and maintaining affordable housing in the past.

For more information about the Second Chance Apartment Project, please contact Lisa Subeck at 257-1436 or lsubeck@ywcamadison.org.

Third Street Coordinator to Receive Award



Nancy (center in white hat) is surrounded by the women she helps at a recent Third Street Picnic.

Third Street Coordinator, Nancy Wrenn Bauch, is to be honored by *UMOJA* with an *Excellence in the Village* award. *UMOJA* gives “*Excellence* awards to various people in the community who have been nominated by *UMOJA* readers because of their caring and positive work with non-profit organizations, schools, in their profession, in their church or neighborhood centers. Honorees are recognized because they are selfless in their community giving, excellent at what they do and self-initiating in positive work and achievements.” Nancy was nominated for her work in the Third Street Program which has impacted the lives of the African American Community and she is also involved in the YWCA’s Racial

Justice Initiative. Her extraordinary efforts have helped resettle the lives of countless women and their families. Milele Chikasa Anana, publisher of *UMOJA*, stated that the people being honored have changed the face of Madison. If these honorees did not live here and do the work that they do, Madison would not be the place it is today.

Nancy has been the Third Street Coordinator for thirteen years, during that time, she has inspired and helped many single mothers in the program. We asked current and former residents to describe the impact Nancy has had in their lives, and here’s what they had to say: “I have never met someone more deserving of this award. Nancy is one of a kind. She’s supportive, a teacher, my ally, my coach. She supports your ideas and goals, and helps you strive toward reaching those goals...she’s everything. She’s helpful, kind hearted, open minded, a good listener, she loves kids. She’s always willing to listen to you and continues to help. She opens her heart no matter who you are. She doesn’t discriminate against anyone. She gives you your life back. She walks with a wonderful spirit and energy. If it wasn’t for Nancy, I wouldn’t be where I am now, I wouldn’t have a place of my own. Nancy is one of those people you meet in life that always believes in your best.”

The reception will be held on September 23rd at the Concourse Hotel at 6:00 pm. Tickets are available by calling 242-1400.

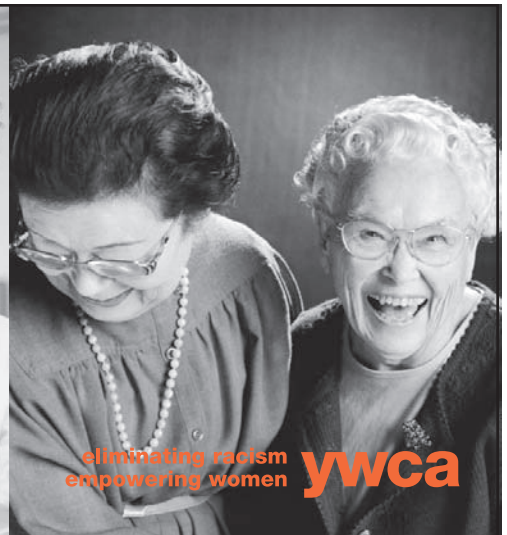
Summit Credit Union helps SKILLS Program

The staff of the YWCA Madison is excited to announce a collaboration with Summit Credit Union. Summit Credit Union staff volunteer their time to teach the financial portion of the Second Chance Workshop, a tenant and financial education program for homeless and near-homeless adults. We would like to extend our gratitude to Summit Credit Union for partnering with us once again! Summit has also been involved in our S.K.I.L.L.S. Program (Student Knowledge of Independent Living and Life Skills), which is similar to the Second Chance Workshop but geared toward local at-risk high school youth. If you are a financial professional and interested in participating in our next session of S.K.I.L.L.S. presentations starting in November, please contact the Second Chance/S.K.I.L.L.S. Program Coordinator, Martha Lemnus, at 257-1436 or mlemnus@ywcamadison.org for more information.



Downtown Kiwanis members prepare corn for the Annual Third Street Picnic. Each year past and present residents gather to remember their time at the YWCA.

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The United Way of Dane County brings people together to aggressively tackle the underlying causes of our community's most critical problems.

The YWCA is proud to be part of the United Way of Dane County, which means we have met the high standards set by the United Way volunteers and are targeting our services at critical needs identified in our community.

Mark your calendars!

Week Without Violence

- October 15, 2005 A More Perfect Union: Tim Tyson and Craig Werner at Wisconsin Historical Museum
- October 16, 2005 **Natyarpana Indian Dance Performance** at the Middleton Performing Arts Center
- October 18, 2005 **Week Without Violence Poster and Essay Contest Award Ceremony** at Salvation Army's Darbo Drive Community Center
- October 21, 2005 **Racial Justice Conference** at the Monona Terrace

Upcoming Events

- December 5, 2005 Women of Distinction Nomination Forms Available
- January 20, 2006 Women of Distinction Nominations Due
- February 16, 2006 **Circle of Women Luncheon** at Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall
- April 12, 2006 **YWCA Annual Meeting** at Edgewater Hotel
- May 11, 2006 **Women of Distinction Awards** at the Concourse Hotel

For more information about these events please call the YWCA at 608-257-1436 or visit our website, www.ywcamadison.org.

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