

THE ASSOCIATION

TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND ELIMINATE RACISM



Jacquelyn Williams, CPA
Executive Director

A SPECIAL THANKS to You

In all things we give thanks! So, in this season of reflection and giving, the YWCA of Greater Memphis gives a sincere thanks to

each of you who continue to support the unmet needs of more than 4,100 women and children in this community each year. You make a difference in helping to save lives and change lives! There was a song in the sixties and it said, we could all get by, "With a little help from my friends." Today that still stands true. A little help goes a long way at our Abused Women's Shelter. You, our members, do it over and over again and as Executive Director; I would like to share with you in this Holiday Newsletter issue how -

"OUR" YWCA Board of Directors steer their giving in

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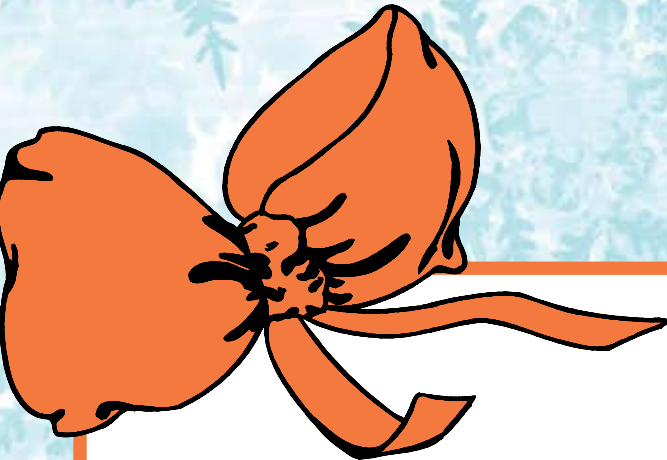
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Deck the Halls at the Shelter

Greeting and Happy Holidays to everyone! I am very excited to share with you some of the activities going on at the YWCA, especially with one of our premier programs, Abused Women's Services. As you know the YWCA operates an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence. As we provide much needed services, the majority of our funding for the Shelter must go towards providing living necessities while we support and facilitate employment placement, counseling, court advocacy and permanent housing placement. It has been proven that the living environment and its aesthetics do much to enhance a feeling of peace, safety and tranquility. These elements are just as important to the healing process. As you read ahead you will see the wonderful work and contributions that have been made by some of our YWCA Board of Directors towards this effort.



Della Adams
Board President



When we first started talking about the Deck the Halls at the Shelter project I immediately thought about my decorator Jackie Glisson and contractor Tim Sellers. As soon as I contacted these "angels", they were on board.

Decorator Jackie bought a dishwasher to replace one that was broken. Windows were measured for new blinds while giving his expert advice on paint colors. As he continues to work with us, we are gaining many benefits

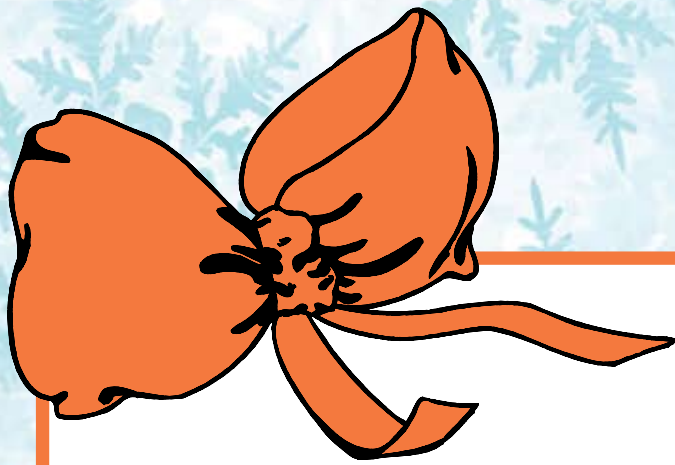
from his ideas and expertise!

Contractor Tim checked the entire shelter for needed repairs; donated one of his worker's time to make the repairs; installed the new dishwasher and replaced ceiling fans and light fixtures.

Two other friends were called, Ken Cummins and Ed Hanna and they donated a garage full of beautiful furniture to enhance the living environment of the shelter.

Look what happens just by asking friends for help. This is indeed how we do it!

Board Member, Patti Marsh

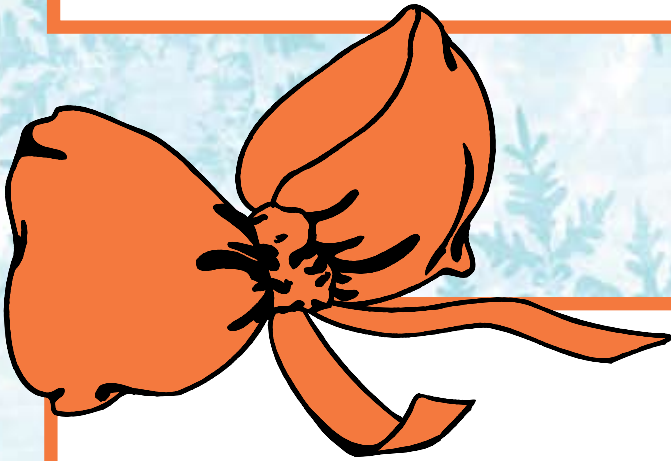


It is amazing what happens when you simply involve people in a project. Several board members were having work done on their own homes and we were using the same decorator. When we asked for his help in giving the shelter

a face lift, Jackie Glisson, the board's favorite decorator, not only volunteered his time but personally donated a new dishwasher, rallied some of his favored vendors, Graham's Lighting and Kaiser Flooring, to pitch in with donations and solutions.

'Tis the Season to Deck the Halls at the Shelter!

Board Member, Karen Clawson



Yes, the efforts made so far have been great and our need is even greater. We have so much more to do to create an environment that is both peaceful and restorative to the soul. You may be thinking about how you can help. We have three very easy ways that you can help us help victims of abuse. You can make a direct financial contribution by calling Kathy Ivey at 901-323-2211 and your donation will go towards purchasing much needed supplies. You can go

to our Target gift registry and purchase items needed by the shelter. You can also help us by lending us any contractors, builders, designers or other construction trades persons that you know who may be willing to donate their services by calling this number 901-323-2211. As always any contribution is greatly appreciated and tax deductible. Again, in the spirit of Holiday giving and sharing;

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AND

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP IN DOING THIS!

Board President, Della Adams

*From Our Heart to Yours . . .
Thank you!*

The YWCA of Greater Memphis is going **GREEN!** In the future you will find all of our announcements on our new and improved website - www.memphisywca.org. Please check us out!

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