

YMCA of Greater Vancouver Quick Facts: 2006



YMCA

We build strong kids,
strong families, strong communities.

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Mission: The YMCA is a charitable association dedicated to the development of people in spirit, mind and body as well as the improvement of local, national and international communities.

Core Values: Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility.

Year Founded: 1886.

2006 Service Area: Metro Vancouver and Fraser Valley.

2006 Participants: 64,156 children, youth, men, women and older adults.

2006 Employees: 800, year-round average.

2006 Volunteers: 1,793.

2006 Program Locations: 136.

2006 Revenue from Operations: \$28.3 million.

2006 Expenditures for Operations: \$28.1 million.

The YMCA of Greater Vancouver (YMCA) and the Endowment Fund of the YMCA of Greater Vancouver are each non-profit societies and registered charities.

The YMCA receives 2% of its operating revenue from United Way of the Lower Mainland. Another 2% is raised through the annual campaign, YMCA Partners with Youth. Another 3% is raised from capital and other contributions, while additional operating funds are derived from program and membership fees and government sources.

YMCA Programs and Services

YMCA Camps: Build confidence, skills, leadership and environmental awareness for children and youth through Day and residential camping and outdoor education programs. As the largest provider of camping programs in BC, the YMCA saw 8,870 BC children and youth in 2006, including program partnerships with the Canadian Diabetes Association and Western Canadian Pediatric AIDS Society.

YMCA Child Care: Safe and affordable licensed, non-profit care for early childhood and school-age children with a focus on healthy development and support for families and caregivers. In 2006, centres and programs supported 2,538 children and their families with quality early childhood and out-of-school programs, making us the largest licensed child care provider in BC.

YMCA Community Services and International Development:

Training, mentoring, and skills development programs for the unemployed, at-risk populations, new Canadians and other identified groups. International partnerships and exchanges to encourage global awareness, youth leadership development and peace.

YMCA Health Promotion and Community Programs:

Integrated, community-based physical activity, sports, cardiac rehabilitation, mobility programs and wellness education help individuals of all ages and levels of ability get stronger and stay healthy throughout their lives.

Chilliwack Family YMCA: Cheam and Hocking Centres: Joined the YMCA of Greater Vancouver in 2005.

Downtown YMCA (Vancouver Centre, Burrard and Barclay): Opened 1941, new Downtown YMCA will open in 2009.

South Slope Family YMCA (South Vancouver, adjacent to Langara College): Opened 1978.

Tong Louie Family YMCA (Hwy 10 and 152nd, South Surrey): Opened 2002, expanded 2006.

YMCA Key Concepts

The YMCA concept of health focuses on prevention, rehabilitation, self-management, support and promotion of health of 'the whole person' in physical, emotional, mental and social terms. Partnerships with health organizations help deliver accessible, high-quality programs to diverse communities and people of all ages.

Of the 64,156 people who came through the YMCA of Greater Vancouver's doors in 2006, 49% were under the age of 18. All YMCA programs use the 'asset development' concept to help children and youth develop into healthy adults by building 40 key assets.

Financial support for those in need, to improve access to opportunities for better health, is core to the YMCA. In 2006, 2,547 people received financial support that allowed them to benefit from YMCA child care, camps or memberships.

Volunteerism and philanthropy are integral to the YMCA. Other strengths include its mission of service and role as a responsive community resource and innovative partner.