

YWCA TIME LINE

- 1837 - Protestant School of Industry established in Nashville
- 1898 - Organizational meeting of YWCA of Nashville
- 1909 - Capital Campaign to raise money for new YWCA building to be built on site of Protestant School of Industry, Seventh Avenue, April 1-15
- June 10 - Groundbreaking
- 1911 - YWCA opens new building- May 4
- 1917 - Tea Room opens
- 1919 - National YWCA sent check of \$1000. for a branch for African-American women in Nashville
- 1921 - Community Chest is established
- 1921 - Property at 5th and Gay is purchased for Blue Triangle Branch
- 1930 - McGannon Hall is given to YWCA to use as annex
- 1944 - First Teen Town opened
- 1950 - Board votes to close McGannon Hall
- 1953 - Branch moves to 1708 Pearl Street - October 25 - dedication
- 1954 - Chamber of Commerce announces plans to create a United Fund to replace Community Chest - UGF
- 1962 - YWCA begins to offer classes in Green Hills and Donelson
- 1964 - Downtown YWCA and Blue Triangle Branch become one YWCA
- 1973 - Blue Triangle Branch closes
- 1974 - Board agrees to provide emergency facilities for women referred by Rape and Crisis Center
- 1975 - Opening of Women's Exchange - "The Pumpkin Patch" - March

- 1975 - Women's Resource Center opens at YWCA
- 1976 - Try Angle House opens
- 1976 - Gas leak forces Board to close Seventh Avenue building
- 1977 - June 29 - Mary Ann Jackson is named executive director
- 1977 - August - Board votes to sell building
- 1978 - Career and Life Planning for Women and Girls is created; Displaced Homemakers is added later in year
- 1978 - April 2 - YWCA moves to Woodmont Blvd.
- 1978 - YWCA Legal clinic opens
- 1978 - CABLE is established
- 1978 - Displaced Homemakers Program begins
- 1980 - Domestic Violence Shelter opens
- 1981 - NewStart program for women about to be released from prison is established
- 1985 - Capital Campaign of \$2 million is completed for new facility
- 1989 - Mary Ann Jackson retires
- 1990 - YWCA's Sisterhood Program opens
- 1992 - Academy of Women of Achievement is established
- 1993 - My Sister's House, a second domestic violence shelter opens in Williamson County
- 1994 - Family Child Care Registration begins
- 1994 - Dollar General Store partnership
- 1997 - August; fire destroys Dollar General Store in Sam Levy Homes
- 1998 - YWCA celebrates 100 years of service to the community

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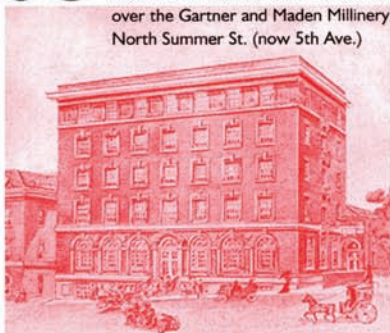
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1898

Nashville YWCA founded in three rooms over the Gartner and Maden Millinery Shop, 227 North Summer St. (now 5th Ave.)



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At ground breaking ceremonies of a new YWCA building on Vine Street (7th Ave.), Major E.B. Stahlman comments: "In older times, a woman was regarded merely as a gift of the gods and was treated as a slave. But thank god, that day has passed...Nashville is in advance of any other Southern city in its aid toward such a splendid institution."



Depression makes YWCA a haven for women and girls: "Have you ever noticed how deep the ruts are in

the stone steps of the YWCA? The women of this city in search of recreation, diversion, welfare, food, physical education and training...have literally worn away the stones."

1933

Nashville YWCA mobilizes to support the war effort through Red Cross drives, sewing, dances for soldiers and donating building space for defense work.

1941



1964

Blue Triangle Branch and Downtown YWCA become one interracial YWCA.



Throughout its one hundred year history, the YWCA has brought the women of Nashville and Middle Tennessee together. As women joined the downtown workforce at the turn of the century, church women founded the YWCA for the purpose of helping the young woman working in business or in the factory to meet her needs: where to live, where to eat, and what to do for fun. Through the efforts of the board members and volunteers, working women gained respectability as well as independence. Women who had been sheltered from many of the social problems of the community were given an opportunity to see first-hand how other women lived. This growing awareness of other women's needs enabled these women to realize the common bonds of womanhood and the potential good that could be accomplished by women working together.

The YWCA met the challenges of World War I, the Great Depression, and World War II and adapted as Nashville women faced each era. As societal needs for women changed, so did the YWCA. The YWCA confronted the problems of racial segregation directly and integrated its programs and facilities at a time when Nashville struggled with the issue. As working women became more independent, the YWCA ended its residence facilities and created innovative new programs to address critical problems facing Nashville women. *Women Helping Women: The YWCA of Nashville* has been written as the YWCA celebrates one hundred years of service to the community. Although the needs of women have changed over the past one hundred years, the YWCA's commitment to women remains unchanged.

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