Since 1974, TWIN has honored 1,804 women and 213 corporations throughout Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Passaic Counties in NJ and Rockland County in NY

Honored 30 women for their professional achievements and the 20 companies that supported their career advancement

Presented 122 educational programs aimed at preventing sexual violence and promoting healthy relationships in venues throughout Northern New Jersey

Accompanied 61 individuals who were sexually assaulted or abused to hospitals, emergency rooms, law enforcement agencies, and/or legal proceedings

Provided 24/7 crisis intervention to 1,192 callers on the rape crisis hotline

Women's Empowerment (WE) Series provided intellectually stimulating seminars to over 130 women, and writing workshops inspired 36 women to express themselves in fiction and non-fiction

Newcomers Club welcomed 236 new residents and their families to the community and provided programs to help them forge new relationships

Provided 64 mentally and physically challenged individuals from six months to adulthood with adapted swimming and sports programs

Enabled 1,000 members of the Bolger Fitness Center to maintain exercise and weight training regimens designed to keep them fit and healthy

Provided therapeutic and rehabilitation programs to 80 participants in aqua-therapy and arthritis classes

Provided American Red Cross swimming lessons to 1,846 swimmers age 17 and under and to 148 adults

Provided $75,770 in financial assistance to 50 child care and summer camp participants

Served 870 campers at four summer camps located in Saddle River, Dumont, and Harriman, NY

Provided 180 children with enrichment classes in the Fun For Kids program

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YWWorks for Change

The YWCA Bergen County acknowledges the donors and friends of all its programs, the board of directors, the Bergen County staff, and our community partners. We are grateful to those who support our work in so many ways.

YWWellness Makes a Difference

For our YWCA, being there for our community involves being committed to delivering programs that improve the health and well-being of our young people, girls, and their families.

YWGoes for Change

The YWCA Bergen County is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

YWMission

The YWCA Bergen County provides a vital resource for Bergen County residents for nearly 90 years, through good times and bad. As the economic picture begins to show signs of improvement, we look forward to continuing to expand our services and work together to strengthen our community.

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We would like to thank this opportunity to acknowledge the YWCA’s members for their loyalty and continued participation in our organization. Despite the fact that many families were forced to cut back on non-essential expenditures, our existing and frontline programs had higher revenues over the past 2-3 months than in any year.

In addition, our staff who rely on the YWCA’s before and after school programs for their children have continued to thrive—even while out of work and searching for new jobs.

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No one would argue that 2008/2009 was a tough year. However, we are proud to report that it was a year in which the YWCA Bergen County and our staff, members, and volunteers persevered—and even flourished—in our efforts to empower girls and eliminating racism.

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