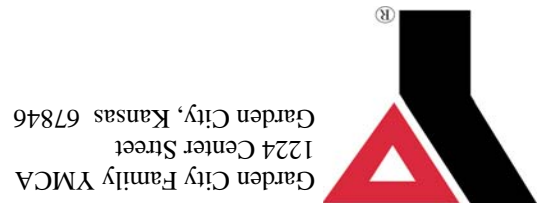


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A bi-annual newsletter to friends of the YMCA on behalf of the
Helping Hands Scholarship program.

February 2009



CAMPAIGN TIMELINE...

Since we are still trying to wrap up the Capital Campaign by our deadline with the Mabee Foundation on April 9, 2009, the Annual Support Campaign will shift to an early Spring kickoff. On that note, the YMCA is planning to address the Annual Campaign during the summer months. It will be a tough task to generate funds when the community has stepped up for our Capital. However, our Annual Support Campaign is just as important! Please be generous when a Campaigner comes calling. **THANK YOU!**

YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK...

Dear YMCA supporter,

In 2008, contributions to the Annual Support Campaign enabled the Helping Hands Scholarship fund to support **3,354** participants and **925** members. Being a membership and program-driven organization, the YMCA relies heavily on contributions to drive our mission. Our Annual Support is a great program that gives people the opportunity to utilize the YMCA. Let me tell you, some of those folks wouldn't have the chance.

EVERYONE should have the opportunity to participate. The YMCA never denies that opportunity. Whether it is a single parent looking for assistance for child care, a lonely senior on disability or fixed income or a family that has hit hard times, the YMCA can help fill the void.

Please support our Helping Hands Scholarship program by helping us build those relationships so we are able to make a large **IMPACT** for all that benefit from this program!

Chad Knight
Executive Director

FINANCIAL REALITIES...

Investments for 2008 made a lasting impression on many youth, families and seniors. Financial assistance is given to those who need it the most. This is a breakdown of the financial assistance awarded in 2008:

Memberships:	\$8,627.41
Programs:	
Youth Sports	\$11,380.70
Child Care	\$58,420.63
Aquatics	\$3,033.10
Fitness	\$478.50
Family	\$0

The Family Department provides free family fun nights, school family fun nights, teen nights and various other free events. If there is a charge, it is nominal. The Child Care Department doesn't reflect the discount offered to the social organizations or the discounted sites offered through United Way.

The total amount awarded was **\$81,961.51** in financial assistance. As far as transactions, this involved **3,354** participants and **925** members. We exceeded our amount of \$80,410.28 awarded in 2007 by **\$1,551.23!** Isn't that **AWESOME?**

HUMAN CONTRIBUTION IS THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT....

Volunteer to help with the any of the YMCA programs, events, or campaigns! Your talents, time, and donations in any form are always greatly appreciated at the YMCA! If you are interested in helping, please contact Executive Director Chad Knight at (620) 275-1199 or gckymca.ceo@gmail.com.

"The human contribution is the essential ingredient. It is only in the giving to oneself to others that we truly live."

~ Ethel Percy Andrus