



YWCA OLYMPIA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

YWCA Olympia is ON A MISSION to eliminate racism and sexism to advance the political, social and economic status of all women and girls. Our vision is a world where all people are valued, live free from oppression and thrive in a just society. We value collaboration, courageous leadership, intentional action, respect, radical inclusiveness and social equity.

YWCA Olympia is a multi-service organization that has served girls, women and families since 1945. YWCA Olympia has a rich tradition of leadership and strategic problem solving that spans our 70+ year history.

Nationally, the YWCA has a long history of promoting equity in the areas of politics, health care, employment and racial justice. In Olympia, YWCA is focused on eliminating racial and gender inequity and advancing the social and economic status of all women and girls. Our approach is multi-faceted, offering programs and services, engaging in advocacy to promote systemic change and educating the larger community on relevant issues. Through our programs and services, the YWCA serves over 20,000 individuals annually, 80% of whom are women. Additionally, several of our programs support young women, with 600 girls between the ages 10 to 17, served each year.

Economic Advancement

Girls Without Limits!: Fostering confidence in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and encouraging girls to pursue careers in those fields- [Volunteer opportunities online under Programs/GWOL](#)

Women's Economic Empowerment Program: Ensuring all women have the skills and resources to gain employment and experience economic advancement and financial stability [Volunteer opportunities include Kathleen's Closet, Office Support, and the Other Bank. Tasks include a variety of direct service opportunities with the community and EEP Job Trainees, as well as a variety of administrative tasks.](#)

Workplace Equity Initiative: Engaging and equipping employers to create equitable workplaces- [Volunteer opportunities coming soon!](#)

Kathleen's Closet: Offering unemployed and underemployed an individualized professional clothing closet. [Volunteer opportunities include sorting and organizing professional clothing, preparing Kathleen's Closet for clients, assisting clients in selecting professionally appropriate attire for job interviews and new positions, cleaning and preparing the Closet for the next client, completing paperwork and inventory items as requested, confirming current appointments and setting new appointments as the request come in, making sure Kathleen's Closet database is up to date with current inventory and client history, running reports as needed. May also include designing outreach materials, creating social media posts, recruitment, and data entry.](#)

Neighborhood Empowerment Network: Connecting women and families to social assets and leadership opportunities that support their employment and financial stability [Volunteer opportunities coming soon!](#)

Health & Safety

Girls Circle: Developing healthy and resilient girls that thrive and preventing violence against women- *Limited volunteer opportunities, see staff for details.*

The Other Bank: Promoting health and dignity through personal hygiene *Volunteer tasks include processing incoming donations, repackaging wet items (messy) and dry items, housekeeping, filling orders (Wednesdays), shredding and more. Specific times only for hands-on product management. Duties may include designing outreach materials, creating social media posts, recruitment, and data entry.*

Girl's Council: Providing gender responsive and trauma informed models of mental health and chemical dependency treatment for young women ages 12-17 who are in detention, diversion, or at risk. *Limited volunteer opportunities, but could include chaperoning activities. See staff for details.*

Racial Justice & Civic Leadership

Intercultural Foundations: Assessing intercultural competence to provide the community with meaningful understanding and action steps for enhancing cultural competence creating a foundation of respect & equality for all *Volunteer tasks include workshop assistance, research, event assistance, coalition work, advocacy.*

Advocacy

YWCA Advocacy Committee: *Monthly meetings, letter writing, calls, material preparation.*

Other

Special Events: Racial Justice Summit (May), Open Space (March), Town Hall (March), Women of Achievement (Oct/Nov)-*Loads of volunteer opportunities! Tickets, raffles, auctions, committees, registration, etc.*

Kearney House Upkeep: Many jobs helping preserve the historic home of YWCA since 1945: *Volunteer tasks include cleaning, yard work, special projects, painting, general housekeeping and occasional deep cleaning for three bathrooms, one kitchen, 7 offices, and several community rooms, maintenance of wood floors and original fixtures in the house, organization of closets in the house, light maintenance around the house, such as changing light bulbs, light yard work and/or sweeping of porches, occasional cobweb and spider removal.*

Administrative Assistance: *Grant research, filling, envelope stuffing, graphic design, fund development*

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