In 2011, the YW launched a brand new series, Dinner by the Book, which couples great food and literature with a focus on the YW’s mission. In addition to creating a dialogue within a women's empowerment framework, the series generates an appreciation for diversity by highlighting authors from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

Past Dinner by the Book events:

At Café Asean, Cheryl Lu-Lien Tan, author of A Tiger in the Kitchen: A Memoir of Food and Family revealed her empowering journey to Singapore as the chef prepared sample recipes from her book.

From Manhattan and Brooklyn, High School After School Programs assist students in their studies, career and life by providing academic support, leadership and teamwork, positive peer interaction, and attendance improvement/drop-out prevention services. The YW also helps students strengthen their ties to school by offering academic credit for specialized classes and by working closely with the schools to provide personalized guidance as students make important life decisions.

With a struggling economy and cutbacks in government support, the past year has been a challenge for the YWCA of the City of New York. Despite these obstacles the YW has continued to provide much needed services to approximately 5,000 New York City women and their families in some of the city’s most challenging communities.

Programs such as the Women’s Empowerment Network (WEN), High School and Elementary After School Programs and Early Learning Centers are crucial to the YW’s mission of empowering women and eliminating racism.

The Women’s Empowerment Network has served over 500 women from all five boroughs and helps women by giving them access to advocacy support, benefits and legal counseling, computer training, free or low-cost child care, and workforce readiness workshops.

High School After School Programs serve over 500 students, ages 14 to 21, from Manhattan and Brooklyn. High School After School Programs assist students in their studies, career and life by providing academic support, leadership and teamwork, positive peer interaction, and attendance improvement/drop-out prevention services. The YW also helps students strengthen their ties to school by offering academic credit for specialized classes and by working closely with the schools to provide personalized guidance as students make important life decisions.

Elementary After School Programs enhance the community by giving children the necessary tools to succeed academically and socially. These free programs provide academic support, sports and recreational activities, and cultural experiences to 1,100 students in kindergarten through fifth grade at

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Dear YW Supporters & Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and our staff & clients, I’d like to express our gratitude to you for your continued support of the YWCA of the City of New York. With your partnership, the YW is able to provide outstanding programs that empower women and their families through workforce training, advocacy, legal and benefits counseling, computer and financial literacy, educational child care, after school programs and much more.

Change; however, is in the air at the YW. Like most non-profits, the YW is artfully managing through fluctuations in revenue, particularly government funding, and we are actively pursuing new sources of revenue that will make our programs even stronger and more sustainable.

One major change here at the YW is in our organizational leadership. In consultation with the Executive Committee, our Chief Executive Officer, Anne Winters-Bishop, has transitioned out of her CEO role into an advisory role for a special campaign that the YW is in the preliminary stages of producing. This restructuring will allow Anne to continue to support the YW through strategic efforts and enhanced philanthropy as we secure new leadership equipped to address the challenges and opportunities of the 21st Century.

During this transitional period our newly appointed Interim Executive Director, Donald Fann, and Executive Committee of the Board, with the help of the senior management team, are continuing to fulfill the YW’s mission of empowering women and eliminating racism. A Board-directed search committee is currently determining what experience and qualities are desired in the YW’s next CEO. We hope you will also help us. We will keep you posted on the selection process over the next few months and when the time comes, we will welcome your recommendations for qualified candidates.

In addition to these administrative changes, the YW has also welcomed six new members to the Board of Directors. Lore de la Bastide, Tracey L. Heaton, Tracy Richelle High, Catherine Olmsted Kerr, Susan Yung and Jean Walshe are all excellent and savvy additions to the team. Their expertise and affinity for the YW’s mission are key in our next phase of program development and resource generation.

Change is good – and challenging – but healthy for organizations, as we expand upon and improve the services offered to New York City women and their families. As a supporter and friend, the YW needs your partnership now more than ever, and I hope you will continue to be there for the hundreds of New Yorkers that we serve each year.

Thanks again for your support!

Most sincerely,

Marcia Lynn Sells
Board Chair
A Special Welcome to our New Partners

Every year, the success of the YWCA of the City of New York depends on generous contributions from our long time supporters and our new partners. The YW would like to thank the following new partners for investing their resources and time in support of our programs.

**Early Learning Centers:**
In a fourteen month partnership, funding from the New York Community Trust has led to the establishment of the Toddler Professional Development Series at the YW’s four early learning centers – a comprehensive cycle of professional development workshops for teachers.

**After School Programs:**
Recognizing that students in low-income communities face unique obstacles, the United Way Graduate, Prepare, Succeed (GPS) program provides students at the YW’s Rachel Carson High School for Coastal Studies and Murry Bergtraum High School for Business Careers with the academic support necessary to stay on track towards graduation.

**Women’s Empowerment Network (WEN):**
In light of recent government budget cuts, support for the YW’s hallmark program, WEN, has been crucial. The YW would like to thank the AXA Foundation, Barclays Capital, Goldman Sachs, KPMG, Polo Ralph Lauren, Sovereign Bank, Sterling National Bank and UBS for their recent support of WEN.

The YW would also like to extend a special thanks to Huron Consulting Group for their generous contribution to the YW’s Annual Fund.

P.S. 90: 31st Century in LEGO - Light Years Away

On Friday, June 10, Students in the After School Program at P.S. 90, The Edna Cohen School in Coney Island, hosted their year-end event: Brooklyn: 31st Century in LEGO - Light Years Away, sponsored by HSBC Bank USA, N.A. Through teamwork, sharing, creativity, and leadership, the children presented their own set of alien laws, an alien educational system, all while showcasing the valuable math and science skills they had learned. A number of incredible LEGO models, including a “mothership,” were displayed throughout the space as well, providing for an atmosphere filled with pride, success and most importantly, smiles. Principal Greta Hawkins spoke of the event’s success and her enthusiasm about the fact that YW After School students are always excited and ready to participate in the program.

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six Brooklyn schools in Coney Island, Sheepshead Bay, East New York and Brownsville.

The YW also hosts a number of special events and workshops for hundreds of New Yorkers on such topics as women's leadership, financial literacy and entrepreneurship.

We have maintained a strong presence in the communities where we operate and will continue to provide these important services and programs to the growing number of women and families in need in New York City.
In its 37th year, the Salute Luncheon was held at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers on Friday, November 5, 2010. With over 600 guests, 44 talented women were inducted into the Academy of Women Leaders (AWL) – a network of over 5,000 women who have been honored by their companies for their achievements. The honorable Judith S. Kaye, former Chief Judge of the State of New York and Of Counsel, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, was honored as the ‘Woman of Influence’ and Kevin Burke, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Consolidated Edison, Inc., was presented with the ‘Man of the Year’ award. Guadalupe Gutierrez, mother of two children currently attending the YW’s After School Program at P.S. 90 was presented with the William I. Spencer Scholarship which will allow her to further her education.

The YW would like to thank the honorees, our host, Bloomberg’s Margaret Brennan, sponsoring companies including Presenting Sponsor TD Bank, and the Salute Steering Committee for all of their help in producing the event. The YW’s 38th Annual Salute Luncheon will be held on Friday, October 28, 2011.
On Thursday, June 23, 2011, the YWCA of the City of New York celebrated the YW’s mission — empowering women and eliminating racism — and all those who support it at the Seventh Annual Summer Soirée. Hosted at the Edison Ballroom, the night was filled with dancing, food and the signature Y-tini as hundreds of friends and supporters gathered for the much anticipated evening.

Maurice DuBois, Anchor of CBS 2 News weekdays at 5pm and 11pm, hosted the evening for the second year in a row while guests sported black and white with hints of persimmon. The night’s program featured a photo contest, a special presentation on the Anti-Violence through Art project from Alba Nolasco — a student in the YW’s After School Program at P.S. 188, as well as the distinguished “W” Award presentation.

A theme of women’s empowerment through healthy lifestyles was exemplified in both “W” Award honorees: Diane Salvatore, Editor-In-Chief of Prevention magazine and Weight Watchers International Inc., the leader in weight management.

Guests also enjoyed a silent auction, with prizes including spa treatments, luxury items and exciting getaways.

The YW would like to thank the companies who sponsored this year’s Soirée, including Persimmon Sponsors Polo Ralph Lauren and UBS; the Summer Soirée Steering Committee; and the many individual donors and companies who contributed to the silent auction, making the Seventh Annual Summer Soirée a night to remember.

Pictured left to right:

1. Janet Larose, Maurice DuBois, Robert Schuette, Joyce Wailis Walsh and Nicole O’Grady
2. Alba Nolasco and Maurice DuBois
3. Tracy Richelle High, Sharon Nelles and Robert Schuette
4. Africa McClain and Janet Larose
5. Bonnie Howard and Charles Charrow
6. Catherine Ulrich, Marcia Sells and Diane Salvatore
7. Pamela and Richard Riggs
8. Susie McCabe and guests
9. Catherine Olmsted Kerr, Jerome Grant and Phyllis Criscuoli
The YW Says No to Racism & Violence in the Community

Stand Against Racism
The YWCA of the City of New York stepped into 2011 taking on big issues with events and programming that has its communities ready to “Stand” and take notice.

On Friday, April 29, 2011 YW clients, staff, supporters and 120 students from After School Programs in Brooklyn and Manhattan pledged to Stand Against Racism at City Hall Park. The Stand Against Racism is a YW initiative aimed at raising awareness that racism still exists in our communities and that it can no longer be ignored or tolerated. Many of the YW students shared original pieces of writing expressing their views on racism and the impact it has had on their lives and communities. The Soul Tigers Marching Band from Brownsville stole the show with thunderous performances that opened and closed the event. This event was open to anyone wishing to participate, including pedestrians who happened to pass by, and everyone who attended was encouraged to sign banners featuring the pledge.

Anti-Violence Through Art
On Friday, April 8, 2011, four of our Brooklyn After School Programs displayed student created murals at the New York Aquarium. Students from the communities of Brownsville, Coney Island, and Sheepshead Bay promoted a message of anti-violence through the power of art. Each site worked on triptych paintings that depicted the group’s reaction to how violence has affected their lives and communities. Creating these pieces of artwork provided students, many of whom come from communities plagued by violent crime, with a positive outlet to project their feelings and emotions on canvas.

The anti-violence curriculum, developed by art activity specialist, Erin Lynn Welsh, served as a foundation for the project. “The most important thing I want them to take away from this project is to understand how one person’s violent actions can cause a rippling affect in their community,” says Welsh. She hopes that, with this understanding, the students would learn that they can stand up to violence.

Family Resource Center of East New York Grand Opening!

Join the YW for light refreshments and see what’s available for your family at the new Family Resource Center (FRC) in East New York!

Tuesday, October 4, 2011
4pm-7pm
I.S. 292
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