

Programs, Services and Partnerships  
Supporting Today's Youth,  
Tomorrow's Community

**35 years**  
2009 Progress Report



# Community Members

## Dear Community Members:

This has been a year of change in many arenas—the world, our country, our communities. Not surprisingly, it has been a year of change for Wisconsin Youth Company as well, as our organization prepares to transition to a new Executive Director. Nancy Goodell will retire July 2009 after 21 years as Wisconsin Youth Company's third executive director.

The Board of Directors also took on the complex task of developing a new mission statement for the organization. Nancy Goodell's work laid a solid foundation and the new mission statement will serve to guide the organization as it continues its important work for the children of Wisconsin

It is difficult to sum up all that Nancy's leadership has meant to Wisconsin Youth Company and the communities it serves. She brought a creative vision to the organization that was translated into fun, exciting and challenging programs for children and youth. She provided a space for talented employees to grow and nurtured the spirit of teamwork. I am reminded of the words of Anne Frank: "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world!" That is the kind of energy, enthusiasm and lightness that Nancy brought to Wisconsin Youth Company's mission.

We are proud to share this progress report with you. For 35 years it's been all about the children. It still is.

Carolyn Hogg  
President  
Board of Directors  
June 24, 2009



From left to right: Arlington Davis III, Andrea Potter, Carolyn Hogg, Heather Sabin

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Incorporated in 1974, the organization now known as Wisconsin Youth Company, Inc. has grown, matured, and diversified over the last three decades as it has adapted and responded to the changing needs and interests of children, families, and the communities we serve.

But what has changed over the years, I believe, is not as significant or important as what has remained constant – the values and philosophical tenants upon which our programs are based.

As we met to plan this report, we discussed how best to distill those guiding principles into a concise yet comprehensive description of who we are and what we do. We decided to focus on the core values of caring, choice and creativity. Although never before expressed in just that way I believe these three concepts do capture much of what we are about.

As an organization we care for and about children individually and collectively. Most importantly, however, we care in the singular; it's about each child or young person who is a part of a program we provide. Although most of what we do is structured as group activities, it is each individual that is our primary focus.

Choice and creativity are the pillars that support all of the programs that we offer young people. We believe that for children to grow into caring self-directed adults they need to have the opportunity to practice and learn ways of successfully functioning in their world and maximizing their potential.

It has been my privilege to lead our organization for more than two decades. Many, many children have left their individual imprints on my life and each has enriched me as a consequence.

About to retire, I do so knowing that we have both an experienced, caring, creative, and able staff and Board of Directors whose commitment to children, youth, families, and community is strong. It is our anticipation that this retrospective progress report will be followed by annual reports that share future successes and challenges of Wisconsin Youth Company and its family of programs as they support "today's children, tomorrow's communities."



Nancy E. Goodell  
Executive Director  
Wisconsin Youth Company, Inc



# Wisconsin Youth Company

## Who we are . . .

### WISCONSIN YOUTH COMPANY ENDS STATEMENTS

Wisconsin Youth Company exists so that the children of Wisconsin benefit from communities that nurture them, at a sustainable cost.

- There are safe and secure places to be a child outside home and school.
- Caring adult role models regularly interact with children.
- Children value themselves, others, and their environment.
- There is encouragement and support for community engagement.
- Resources are available for children to explore and pursue their individual interests.
- Resources are available for children's educational support and enrichment.

*\*\*Definition to be revisited in 2012: Children are defined as K-12 with highest priority for K-8 in Dane and Waukesha Counties.\*\**

**Wisconsin Youth Company Inc.** serves children and families in the communities of 2 counties: Dane County and Waukesha County. AFTER SCHOOL, its largest division provides recreation and enrichment programs - surrounding the school day. During the 2007-08 school year there were programs in 40 elementary schools in 11 different school districts.

### DANE COUNTY

#### EAGLE SCHOOL

#### MADISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Chavez	Leopold	Stephens
Crestwood	Muir	Thoreau
Franklin	Randall	Van Hise
Hawthorne	Shorewood Hills	

#### McFARLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Conrad Elvehjem Early Learning Center  
Waubesa Intermediate

#### MIDDLETON-CROSS PLAINS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Elm Lawn                      West Middleton

#### MT HOREB AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Primary Center

#### WAUNAKEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Arboretum                  Heritage                  Prairie

#### STOUGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fox Prairie                  Kegonsa                  Sandhill

#### WISCONSIN YOUTH & FAMILY CENTER

### WAUKESHA COUNTY

#### ARROWHEAD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### LAKE COUNTRY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lake Country

#### MERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Merton Primary School  
Merton Intermediate

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT OF KETTLE MORAIN

Cushing	Magee
Dousman	Wales

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WAUKESHA

Lowell  
Meadowbrook  
Summit View

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT NEW BERLIN

Elmwood	Poplar Creek
Glen Park	Ronald Reagan
Orchard Lane	

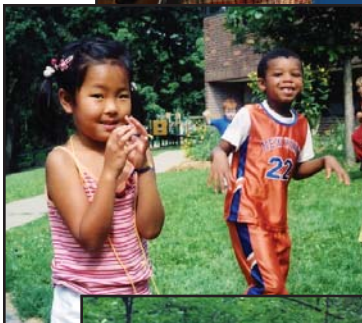
#### HOLY APOSTLES SCHOOL



## Beyond the school year

### Ways to Have FUN IN THE SUMMER!

- theme-based day camps for children 5-7
- day camp specialty units for children 8-12
- 2-week immersion camps with specific focus
- week-long Wander Wisconsin camping trips
- Wander Wisconsin Teen Adventure trips
- Middle School U courses, whole and half days
- Generation Tours family day and weekend trips
- Wisconsin Youth & Family Center:
  - Summer leadership program
  - day camp for elementary children
  - evening teen drop-in programs



**WISCONSIN YOUTH COMPANY, INC**  
**2009 Progress Report**

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# Core Value

## Caring

Children move through a world that is perceived to be much more precarious and dangerous than the world their parents inhabited when they were young. Terrorism, catastrophic weather events and the scary stranger in the car all serve to make children and the adults who love them feel less secure. But perhaps the worst kind of insecurity is the feeling that no one cares especially about you. At Wisconsin Youth Company we try very hard to see that no child feels like that. We believe that children are best served when whole communities care about them as individuals. We believe in it so strongly that two sections of our mission are: "There are safe and secure places to be a child outside their homes and schools," and "Caring adult role models regularly interact with children."



When you serve nearly 1500 kids in before and after school programs at 40 sites in two counties along with another 1000 summer day camp and travel camp kids at 12 locations and the Generation Tours families that

travel around Wisconsin and the world, it's no easy task to show you care about individual children.

A risk manager ensures the physical safety of the children through regular site inspections. All sites have an emergency response plan. All staff is trained in first aid and emergency response. At least one person at each site is trained in CPR. We look at things like playground equipment for risk of injury, working batteries in the portable radios at all sites in case there is a power failure, field trip procedures, swim buddies, sign-in and sign-out

sheets and a thousand other things that happen smoothly and quietly all in the name of protecting and caring for children. All of those policies and procedures work to help make the places we serve children safe and secure.

What about the people who serve the children? That's less quantifiable. Being a "caring adult role model" requires something special: heart. When you work for Wisconsin Youth Company you care about children. It's as simple as that.

Talk to any of our program staff about children and you'll get the funny story about something hilarious a kindergartener said. Or talk to one of the trip leaders and you'll hear the awe in their voice when they describe a child mastering a practical skill for the first time like kayaking on Lake Superior or using a pancake turner to flip eggs cooked in a skillet over a fire. You'll hear the tenderness in their voice when they describe a child's growing social competence as they say "I'm sorry" to another child they have wronged.

We share laughter and tears with the children. We thrill to their accomplishments and weep for their frustrations. "Why would we do that?" you ask. "They're not your children. Why do you care so much?" They're your kids but they're ours too. We may not live next door to you but we're part of the community too and we have the same job you have: nurturing the children.

# Administrative Staff Profile

## Bonnie Carlson, Risk Manager



For Bonnie Carlson, Wisconsin Youth Company Risk Manager, seeing a prevention and response practice that works is reward enough for her job. She got that chance not too long ago at a WYC AFTER SCHOOL program. A child was stung by a bee and had an allergic reaction. The site supervisor was able to give CPR and call 911 using the cell phone that she was wearing. The child was transported to the hospital and was fine. The grateful parents sent the supervisor a “huge bouquet.” Carlson smiled as she remembered the happy outcome. The policy she helped write requires all AFTER SCHOOL site supervisors to wear their cell phones at all times and to take CPR training.

“The best thing for me was seeing how our protocol for emergencies and our communication devices worked,” she said.

Carlson came to work for WYC on September 10, 2001. Her first assignment was to draft a disaster and civil emergency policy and procedure for the organization. Ironically that was one day prior to the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Since then, because of her background of 32 years in the insurance industry and associate degree in risk management, Carlson has helped develop many policies and procedures in an effort to see that the children in all WYC programs are safe.

“I bet we’ve rewritten the communication procedures seven times,” Carlson noted. “Each time there’s been a ‘glitch’ we’ve improved our procedures.”

The other part of her job is assessing the implementation of the organization’s risk management policies and procedures. She does this by training every supervisor and camp director in “Risk Management 101,” a two-hour class where she teaches the basics of risk management, so that each of them can be our “risk manager” in the field.

She also ensures that all program sites are inspected.

“In general terms most people understand the value and importance of risk management but they sometimes feel that we’re checking up on them,” said Carlson. “They see risk management as just a bunch of rules.”

Carlson counters this by sharing with them the good outcomes of having a solid risk management program in place like the bee sting incident.

“But I also have to share the worst case scenarios so they are aware of what can happen,” she said.

Accident reports are required to be filed when children are injured at program sites, no matter how minor the injury. Carlson regularly reviews these and makes recommendations.

“I review all the accident reports to see how the injury happened, and how the child was hurt,” she said. “Reviewing how the injury happened tells us how to adapt our policies to avoid future injuries.”

Some injuries are impossible to avoid, Carlson acknowledges, and are just part of childhood play. But games such as playing ball can benefit by explaining rules carefully or dividing children by age or size.

“What I like about risk management is that it inspires people to think about safety,” said Carlson. “This will help them not just in our programs but in all aspects of life.”

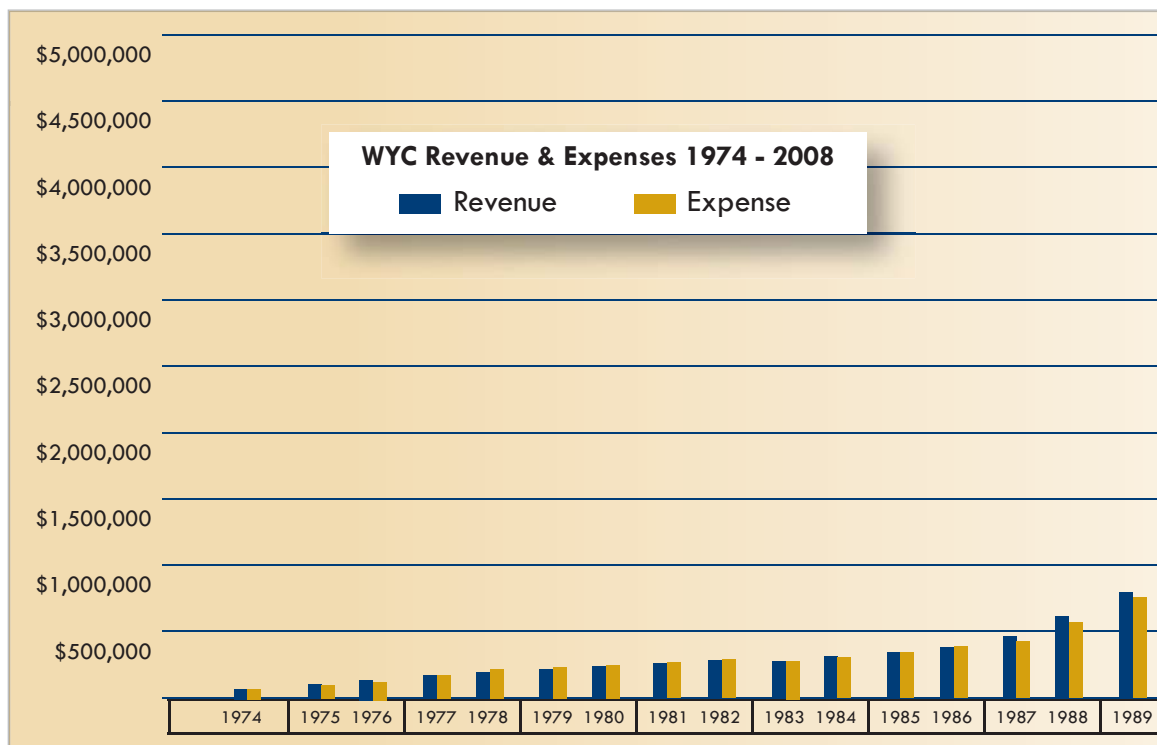


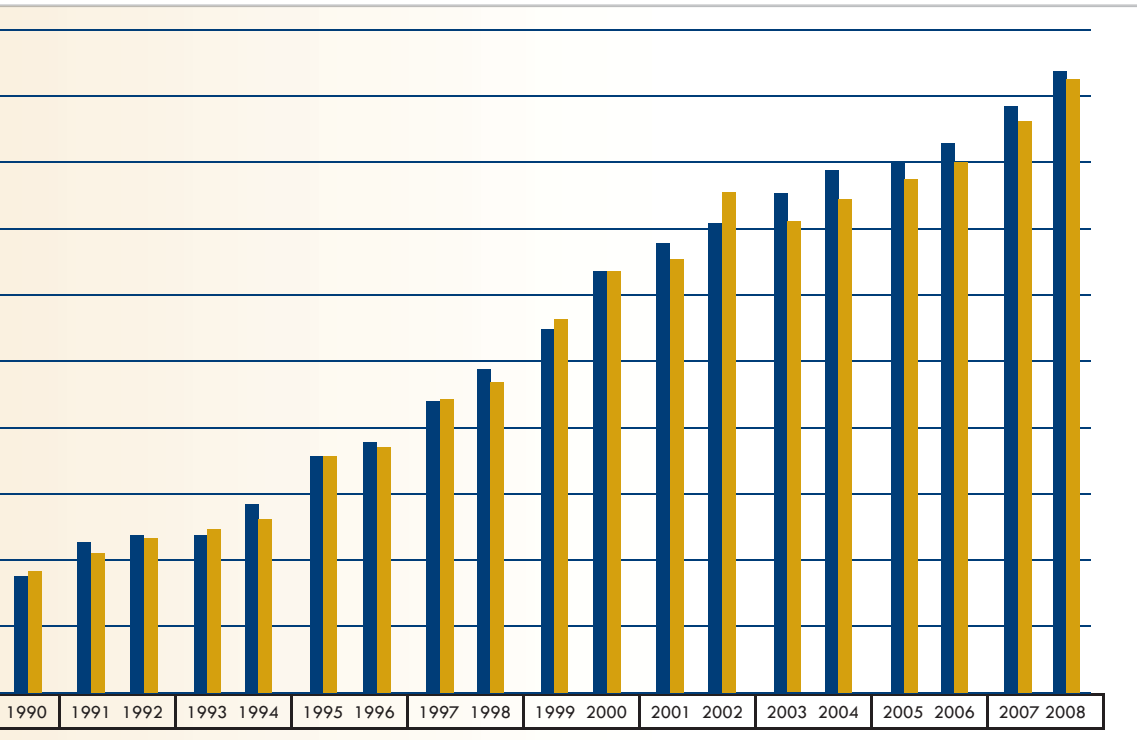
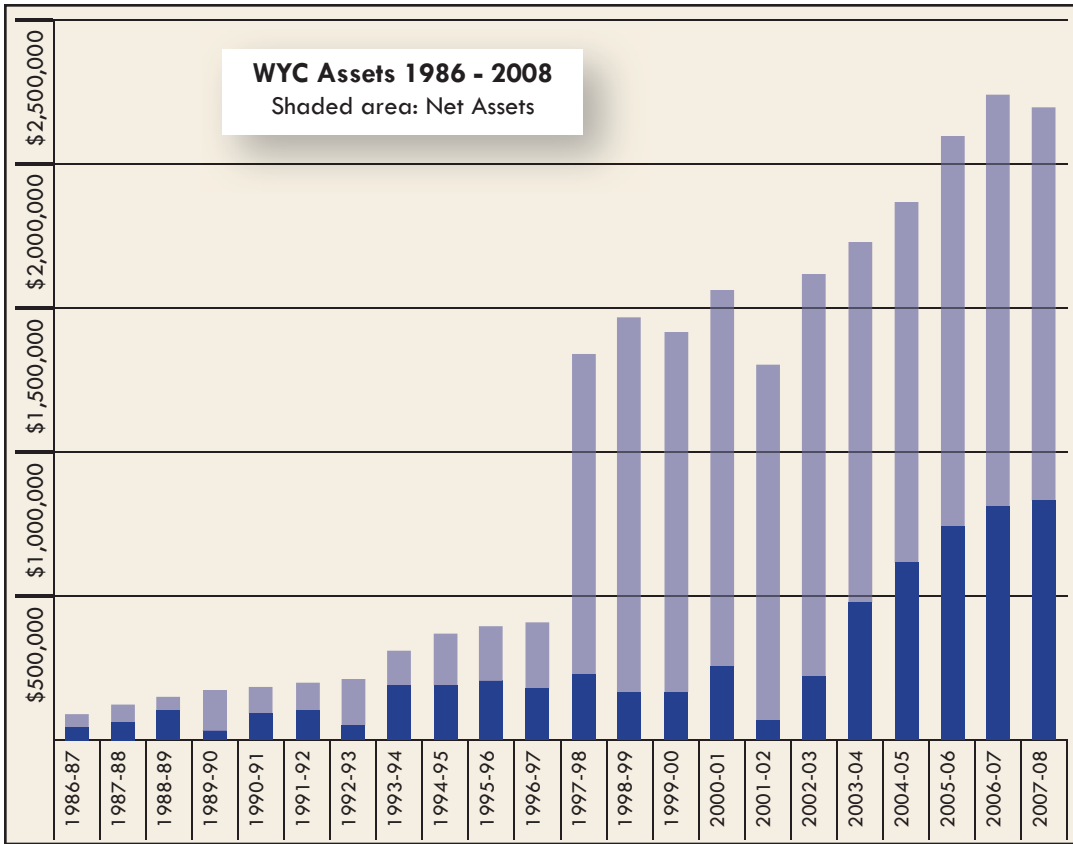


# Wisconsin Youth Company

## How we have grown

- 1974** incorporated as Afterschool Day Care Association, Inc.
- 1975** offered first summer program
- 1976** Ayo Joyner hired as first full-time Director
- 1979** Jill Steinberg hired as Executive Director
- 1985** began including before school, after morning-kindergarten, and all day programs for non-school days
- 1988** Nancy Goodell hired as Executive Director; started the CLUB program (4-H) for children age eight and over
- 1989** initiated SUMMER CAMP program, Wander Wisconsin camping trips; purchased first van
- 1990** created Management and Consulting Systems (MCS) division; MCS started managing programs for 3 communities outside Madison area
- 1992** Board of Directors adopted Policy Governance® as its governance model
- 1993** moved main offices from Dudgeon School to 601 Whitney Way in Madison
- 1994** changed name to AFTER SCHOOL, Inc. ; the 4 MCS-managed communities merged with AFTER SCHOOL; began what became Middle School U summer programs
- 1995** opened regional offices in Waukesha
- 1998** purchased the former Eagle School, 1201 McKenna Blvd.
- 1999** began Celebrating Youth! to showcase positive expressions of youth; changed name to Wisconsin Youth Company, Inc.
- 2000** began enrichment programs with World Languages
- 2001** started Generation Tours
- 2003** opened Wisconsin Youth & Family Center; launched web sites for main programs
- 2004** received first American Camping Association (ACA) accreditation
- 2006** began the transition from vans to small buses
- 2007** opened support facility for in-house print shop and storage







# Core Value Creativity

It bursts out like a bunch of balloons released at a football game-- creativity--the chaos and laughter of children having a good time. Somehow with all the rules and regulations and individual needs and different spaces and locations Wisconsin Youth Company makes a place for creativity in all its programs.

It can be a delicate balance. We must at all times look to the safety of children. The individual needs of children and families must be respected. We have to be creative about making space for creativity. We find there are many ways to make it happen. Our mission speaks to the need for safe and secure places, caring adult role models, resources for children's exploration of individual

interests, resources for educational support and enrichment and encouragement and support for community engagement. That's a tall order. In our programs that might mean a chance to experiment with materials by oneself or with others. The watercolors flow, the clay plops and the bread dough gets kneaded. Perhaps it's a problem to solve.

How can you...? Why

does it...? What if you...? Sometimes children are given a chance to try a new form of expression like dance, or clowning or indoor kite flying. Creativity is required in working and playing with others. How can we get the tent up fast with rain on the way? What if we both want to be team captain? Always it means a caring adult nearby to support children's growth and interests.

The results of all this creativity are varied. Children in after school programs may build a model of a Scottish castle out of stones or the leaning tower of Pisa out of cardboard. They may learn face painting or kite dancing or trapeze arts or visit Circus World Museum as part of our AFTER SCHOOL programs. They might become best friends with the boy they argued with over how to pitch the tent on a Wander Wisconsin trip. They may learn that being able to speak another language opens the door to a whole new world for them through our World Language program.

Creativity flourishes in a space that supports growth. It's safe to try new things in Wisconsin Youth Company programs. It's safe to goof up and try again. It's safe to ask for help. It's safe to laugh at yourself. It's exhilarating to succeed and take pride in your creation whether it's a three act play, a tent pitched before the rain hits or a friendship that lasts. Creativity of all kinds is honored here.

The children we serve move on from our programs into a wider world. Armed with their creativity, they will bring their gifts to their families, their friends, their neighborhoods, their work places, their clubs and organizations, their places of worship. We will know that we contributed to the individual children and so to the larger community which is, after all, our community too.



# Celebrating Youth!

## Program Profile

The creativity that is the cornerstone of Wisconsin Youth Company (WYC) programs is perhaps best represented by Celebrating Youth! which brings hundreds of youth performers together to show off their talents, skills and energy in a positive light. This free family entertainment is Wisconsin Youth Company's annual gift to the community. In 1999 there was growing concern about youth violence and the ways youth were being portrayed in the media. At the same time AFTER SCHOOL was looking for a way to celebrate its 25th birthday. Celebrating Youth! was born.

Now the event draws 3,000 – 4,000 people to Monona Terrace to watch youth performers on four stages, participate in hands-on activities, see art created by youth and learn about some of the businesses and organizations that serve youth and families in our area.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to meet people who truly care about and value youth," said Mariah Miller, WYC Community Relations Director, who has organized five Celebrating Youth! events. "The spotlight is on youth throughout the event, and celebrates the wonderful contributions they make to our communities in Dane County."

"The best thing for the kids is to see the number of activities they can learn more about and get involved in," Miller said. "The people who work with kids can make connections and get validated for the work that they do."

For three years Celebrating Youth! focused on circus arts. The 2006 event was called "Circus of Dreams," the 2007 Celebrating Youth! was known as "Hoopla Circus" and 2008 was "The Other Worldly Circus". The circus focus built on an existing, successful

collaboration with Circus World Museum of Baraboo. Circus World generously loaned some of its historic decorations and arranged for some of the hand-carved antique circus wagons to be displayed at the events. All three years culminated in a professional finale show featuring a cast of all youth circus performers and live musicians.

In 2005 Spyder Carneol joined WYC as Events Coordinator and brought her experience with ropes courses, indoor kite flying and circus arts to bear on Celebrating Youth!. In mid-2007 a new Celebrating Youth! coordinator took over. Ilana Caplan now manages the complex event. She and Spyder share a background in kite flying and aerial arts, and her organizational skills and attention to detail have enhanced the event. The circus focus has been retired but the energy and opportunity that is Celebrating Youth!

continues. The tenth event had a theme of "Up in the Air" and featured aerial performances and flying themes. As long as there are young people with creative ideas and a desire to show their families and communities their talents Celebrating Youth! will be a part of Wisconsin Youth Company's annual calendar.





# Core Value Choice

Adults are faced with myriad choices everyday some momentous, some not. Do I want my latte with skim or whole milk this morning? Should I take that job doing something I love for less money or stay in a job that makes me unhappy but pays me well?

Children make lots of choices everyday too. Adults sometimes see children's choices as fairly mundane: the blue sweatshirt or the red? Emily's house or Sara's on Saturday? Learning to make the more complex choices that they will face as adults is a process of maturation and of acquiring values. At Wisconsin Youth Company we believe in choice for children. Our programs are set up to allow children to practice making choices in a safe, supportive environment. Two sections of our mission

lay the groundwork for choice by addressing the need for resources to be available for exploring individual interests, for educational support and enrichment.

As you might expect every program offers an array of activity choices: reading books or doing arts and crafts, science experiments or group games in the gym, kayaking or putting on a play, hiking or visiting an IMAX theater. But other kinds of choices are available to children too.

Should I join a group that is playing cards or read by myself? Should I approach a new kid and start a friendship or wait for the adult to facilitate the encounter? Should I shove back when someone pushes me out of line or go ask the adult for help? The choice is always up to the child but they soon learn that their choices have

consequences both small and large. All of these choices require resources. Pursuing an individual interest in calligraphy requires mundane things like paper and pens and ink. It may require a book or a person to teach the skill. Learning how to get along better with others may require an adult who is trained to teach children about compassion and communication.

The role of the adult in all this choosing by children is critical. Our job is to support without nagging, to encourage without being phony and to protect without interfering. Our days are made up of thousands of choices too: to step in or to step back; to talk or to just listen; to do it for them or with them.

It can be very subtle. You might not see it if you aren't looking for it. It is the gentle nudge from one of us to help a shy child move into an established friendship group. It's the non-judgmental tone in an adult's voice when they say to a high energy child, "Let's get out the dress-ups and make up a play." It's the genuine delight in the smile of an adult witnessing a child master a skill. There's an under current in all of our programs that is fostered by our staff that says "Choose something! Try something new! Play! Learn! Have fun and if you get into trouble, I'm here."

The children are so busy having fun that they don't realize that they are laying the foundation for personal choice-making as adults. But we know. We're having fun too but we never forget our commitment to caring for children. It's our choice.



# Program Staff Profile

## Charlene Sieracki, Site Supervisor



If it feels like family when you walk into McGee AFTER SCHOOL in Waukesha County don't be surprised. After all, you've got an experienced "mom" in charge. Charlene Sieracki has been with AFTER SCHOOL for 11 years, nine of them at McGee.

"It's like home," says Sieracki simply of her program.

Sieracki was an at-home mother and raised her four children before deciding to enter the workforce.

"When I was looking for work I thought to myself what can I do well?" she said. "I realized that being a parent trained me for this type of work."

Sieracki brings a lot of enthusiasm and common sense parenting skills to McGee to create a fun, lively program with lots of choices.

"I just love going to work," she said. "The time goes by so fast!"

Many projects are offered each day. The children have a choice whether or not to do any activity and if they choose to do it, to do it in their own way. Sieracki has kids sign up for "commitment projects" where the children sign a paper that says they promise to finish the project.

"That way they learn responsibility and they learn to keep their word," she said. "I'll help them complete their projects but I tell them that I won't do it for them. If I did it for them it would be my project and not theirs."

Music is also a big part of McGee AFTER SCHOOL. Sieracki brings in all kinds—classical, jazz and pop. She finds that music can help calm the group if they're stressed or can lift spirits if they're down.

"I can put on their Disney favorites and pretty soon they're all out there dancing," she said.

Sieracki doesn't allow the children to use headphones to listen to music or to play video games at the program. The group occasionally watches an educational video "maybe three times a year. Politeness and respect are also emphasized. When finished with snack the kids must ask to be excused from the table. Good manners are important at McGee.



Sieracki says that for her the best thing about working at McGee AFTER SCHOOL is "being right in there with the kids."

"They teach me and I teach them," she said. "I'm still learning every day. No one ever stops learning."



# Wisconsin Youth Company

## Financials

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

August 31, 2008

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash	\$ 329,863
Net program fees receivable	86,689
Prepaid expenses	63,259
Property and equipment, net	1,261,513
Board designated assets	474,165
Other assets	313
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,215,802</b>

#### Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts payable	\$ 108,964
Accrued payroll and benefits	109,884
Deferred revenue	232,618
Deferred compensation	119,844
Notes payable	730,918
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,302,228</b>

**Total Net Assets, unrestricted** \$ 913,574

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets** \$ 2,215,802

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

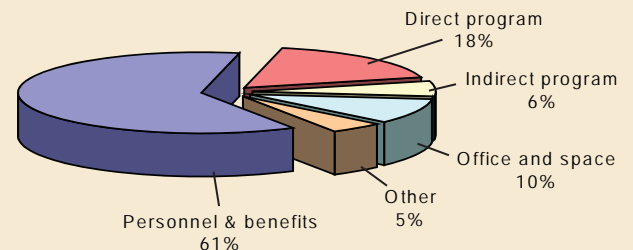
Years ended August 31

<b>Revenue</b>	
Program fees	\$ 4,461,196
Grants and contributions	118,934
Subsidies	15,199
Other revenue	46,178
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 4,641,507</b>

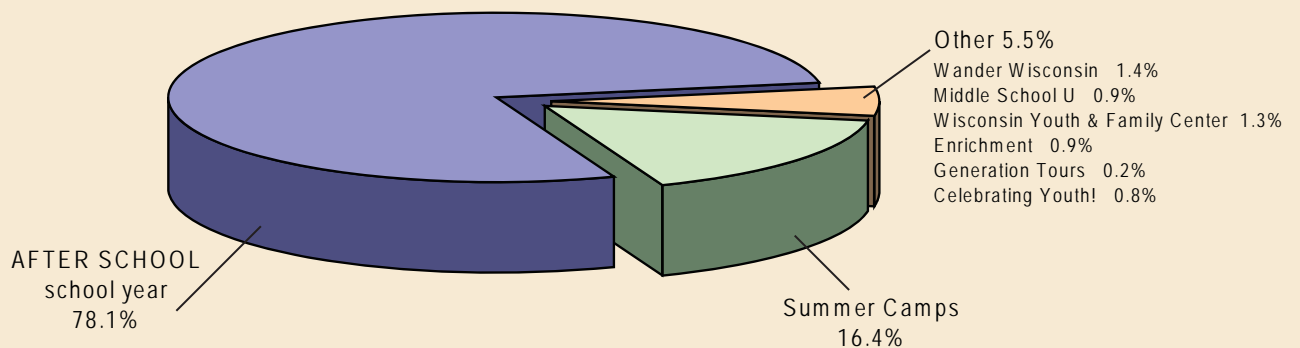
<b>Expenses</b>	
Program	\$ 3,893,420
Management and general	714,940
Fund-raising	3,859
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,612,219</b>

**Increase in Net Assets** \$ 29,288

### WYC 2007-08 EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



### WYC 2007-08 PROGRAM REVENUE



The condensed financial statements are derived from the 2007-08 financial statements of Wisconsin Youth Company, Inc. audited by Wipfli LLP in January 2009. Copies of the complete audit report are available upon request.

# It's all about the children ...



## From the beginning

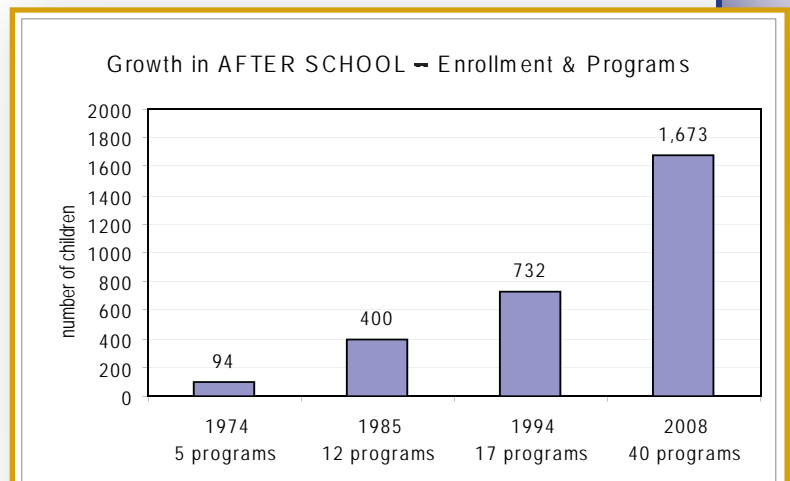
By the end of the first year In 1974, **Afterschool Day Care Association, Inc.** had served 94 children in afterschool programs in 5 schools in Madison: Franklin, Randall, Shorewood, Marquette, and Dudgeon.

## To today

Thirty-five years and 3 executive directors later, the organization – now called **Wisconsin Youth Company, Inc.** - is a multi-service corporation that serves the children of 2400 families in Dane and Waukesha counties.

**Wisconsin Youth Company** exists so that the children of Wisconsin benefit from communities that nurture them, at a sustainable cost. This mission guides the organization as it charts its course into the future. It provides a vision that transcends the organization's many and varied programs, and reflects a belief in a world in which children are cherished and cared for and their spirits nourished.

The words in the mission “at a sustainable cost” are meant to convey the need for the organization to operate efficiently, to use its resources wisely, and to be sure that the results of its existence are of real importance to the community. As operations are funded primarily through parent fees, and the largest expense category is personnel, continuous attention is given to balancing program affordability with meeting the needs of staff and the children.



The Scholarship Fund of the Wisconsin Youth Company was created to support the children and families that have difficulty affording tuition – so that no child who wishes to take part is unable to. Contributions are needed and welcome to the Scholarship Fund and to the Scholarship Support Fund, an income-creating investment vehicle. Please consider giving a donation. Wisconsin Youth Company, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; donations are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.

Please mark your contribution for the Scholarship Fund and send it to:

**Wisconsin Youth Company**  
**1201 McKenna Blvd**  
**Madison WI 53719-2250**

**Thank you!**

We're not just keeping them busy while you're busy.  
We're caring for children and youth.



a WISCONSIN YOUTH COMPANY program



- Every time we separate children who are squabbling and teach them to talk to each other we're caring for them.
- Every time we encourage them to join us in a game we're caring for them.
- Every time we smile and call them by name when they walk into our program at 3:17 we're caring for them.
- Every time we role model good sportsmanship by losing a game of basketball gracefully we're caring for them.
- Every time we help a group of teenagers with their math homework we're caring for them.
- Every time we show campers how to make sure their campfire is out we're caring for them.

If we had the money and the staff and the space we'd care for all four million of those kids who are regularly without adult supervision. We'd put them in after and before school programs and sign them up for summer day camp. We'd send their families on Generation Tours field trips and put the kids on the Wander Wisconsin vans so they could go to Devil's Lake and Noah's Ark. Heck we'd sign them up for tap dancing and put them on the stage at Celebrating Youth! if they wanted.

We would do all this because we know how good our programs are for children and youth. We would do all this because we believe that the chance to grow and learn with other young people in a safe space guided by caring, skilled adults is every child's birthright. Until the time comes when all children have good care while away from their families we'll keep caring for the 1673 we've got. They're yours but they're ours for a little while.



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