

September 2008 Update at the YWCA of Silicon Valley



We are proud to let our community know of the new and talented people at the YWCA of Silicon Valley. New individuals with the skills and talents that will continue to build our programs and services as well as grow and develop our mission:

"The mission of the YWCA of Silicon Valley is to empower women, children and families, and to eliminate racism, hatred and prejudice."

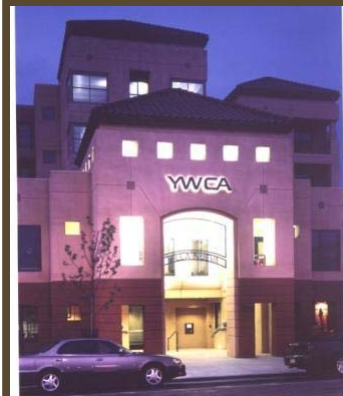
"La misión del YWCA of Silicon Valley es dar el poder a las mujeres, los niños y las familias y eliminar el racismo, el odio y el prejuicio."

It takes a YWCA of Silicon Valley to care for the women and families of Santa Clara County!

First, we would like to congratulate Mary Diridon, Director of our Counseling Department who will now also direct the Family Services Department. Mary will take over that position from Barbara Kangas who has been with the YWCA of Silicon Valley for five years. Barbara is off to explore exciting new challenges and we wish her all the best in her new endeavors and thank her for the great accomplishments she provided the YWCA during her tenure, she will be missed. Mary Diridon has been with us for seven years and will manage these departments with her continued commitment to the YWCA's mission.

Macy's "Shop for a Cause"

Friday
November 28, 2008
(the day after
Thanksgiving)



Macy's and the Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPPF) are teaming up to offer a fun event that will benefit the YWCA of Silicon Valley's Rape Crisis Center.

"Shop For A Cause" is a special one-day-only shopping event developed because of Macy's strong commitment to making communities safer for women, children and families. Macy's is teaming up with several organizations to generate unrestricted revenue for local programs.

Stay tuned for more info on purchasing the \$5.00 passes that will bring you even bigger bargains at the day after thanksgiving sale!

Please welcome:

Julie Grimes, Director of Child Care.

Enrique S. Flores, Director of Youth Services.

Kathy St. John, Grant Writer, Development Department.

Darlene Forsythe, Human Resources Consultant



There are many new staff members in all of our departments:

Rape Crisis Center

- Three new Rape Crisis Advocates
- 15 New Volunteers
- One new Prevention Coordinator
- One new Receptionist in the North Valley Office

Counseling Services

- Fifteen new Counselors

Child Care Department

- Nine new Child Care Staff Youth Leaders & Teachers

Youth Services

- Karla Daisy Arango, Administrative Assistant
- Felix Jasso, Gold Component Coordinator
- Helene Ehrlich, New Options Coordinator
- Carolina Avalos, Volunteer Coordinator
- Luisa Lora, Jesuit Volunteer
- Project Inspire Program - Four new Site- Coordinators; Thuy Le, Ruby Salazar Jennifer Kooman and Peter Flores
- 25 additional Classroom Facilitators

The 18th Annual YWCA Luncheon event will take place on Wednesday, October 29th, at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center, beginning at 11:30am. With Susie Wilson as chair of the event this year, it should prove to be an event not to miss!

The \$5.00 will go directly to our Rape Crisis Center and the incredible bargains will go directly to you!



TWIN Awards 2009
(to be held in May 2009)

Please be reminded the award nomination deadline is Wednesday November 19, 2008!

This will be our 25th Annual TWIN awards which honors talented top-level executive women from a multitude of Silicon Valley industries. Women who are nominated by their CEO or highest-ranking local officer or director in the company or division/business unit, who recognize their outstanding achievements!

Sponsorships are also available for this event which draws the elite men and women from the most highly acclaimed companies in Silicon Valley.

Please go to our website www.ywca-sv.org, click on our Events page - Tribute to Women to view all the guidelines and

Alfre Woodard



Alfre Woodard is a highly-acclaimed stage, screen and television actress choosing roles which focus on diversity and align well with the vision of the YWCA of Silicon Valley. She is a four-time Emmy Award winner, a Golden Globe 'Best Actress' award winner, a recipient of the Screen Actors Guild Award, and a two-time ACE Award winner. One such ACE award was for her portrayal of Winnie Mandela in the HBO presentation Mandela, starring Danny Glover. She has worked with such honored actors and directors as Dr. Maya Angelou, Sissy Spacek, Morgan Freeman, Wesley Snipes and Holly Hunter, to name a few.

Ms. Woodard, along with Danny Glover, Blair Underwood, Mary Steenburgen and others, founded Artists for a New South Africa (ANSA) in 1989. ANSA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to combating the African AIDS pandemic and advancing democracy and equality in South Africa. ANSA also works to further civil rights and safeguard voting rights in the US. It supports the struggle against apartheid, assists AIDS orphans, and educates and empowers disadvantaged youth.

We are privileged to feature Alfre Woodard as our 2008 Annual Luncheon Keynote speaker. For sponsorship, table captain and event information, please call (408) 295-4011 x216 or email events@ywca-sv.org.

requirements.

For more information on the Tribute to Women (TWIN) Awards, please e-mail Heidi Lawson, Community Relations Manager, hlawson@ywca-sv.org or call her at (408) 295-4011 ext. 216.



DONATE TO GENERATE! Without your financial support, the vital services we provide cannot continue. They include: Rape Crisis, Youth Services, Family Services, Child Care Centers, Counseling and so much more.

Please visit our website at www.ywca-sv.org to contribute and find out about all the services we provide to our community. If you are so inclined, you can send a tax deductible donation to: The YWCA of Silicon Valley 375 South Third Street San Jose, CA 95112

And please remember us in your will and your estate planning. With your new or continued

support, we can all look to
a brighter future.

Sincerely,
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