

Ohio-West Virginia State YMCA 2011 Annual Report



Helping youth develop **Leadership**,
Character and **Citizenship** skills
for a life-long commitment
to **Service**.



*This has changed me, inspired me,
and given me the tools to make a
difference in my own life and the
lives of others!*

Doing the most good to the greatest number for the longest time is a wonderful description of our Y.

Our hundreds of volunteers, youth, donors and program partners are making differences for good in the lives of youth and through them our futures. We have many accomplishments during 2011:

Youth benefitted from **HI-Y** groups in schools and communities across both states: **Ohio HI-Y Youth in Government** at the Statehouse in Columbus, **West Virginia HI-Y Youth in Government** at the Capitol in Charleston, **HI-Y Model United Nations**, **8th Grade Youth & Government Seminars**, **Horseshoe's Teen Entrepreneurship** and **Leadership-Service Summits**, **Governor's Youth Opportunity Camps** for low income 7–12 year old boys and girls, **Heritage Arts Camps**, and **Family Camping** at our **Horseshoe Recreation Area** and **Cave Lake** in Ohio. More than 15,000 benefitted from our 2011 programs.

At our **Camp Horseshoe**, the **WV Army National Guard** deployed seventy members in July for two weeks of training in construction, engineering, electrical and plumbing work. Guard members made many improvements to Horseshoe. Special thanks goes to **Dominion Foundation** for giving \$10,000 and the **Jacobson Foundation** for giving \$5,000 for materials used by the Guard in this work. The **United States Forest Service** continues more than seventy years investing in Horseshoe with a major renovation of the Horseshoe Dining Hall and Kitchen. At the **Horseshoe Recreation Area** the USFS installed two new state of the art restrooms and paved the driveway and camp site pads. **Teens** benefited from Horseshoe thanks to scholarships provided by **Gear UP Fairmont State**, **Gear Up West Virginia**, **WV Flex E Grant**, **Beckley Foundation**, **Learn and Serve**, plus **Lions**, **Rotary**, **Kiwanis**, **Ruritan Clubs**, **Chambers of Commerce**, **Gazette Charities** and the **Governor's Youth Opportunity Camps**.



Heritage Arts at Horseshoe continues to grow with two Quilt Camps and a new Basket Making Camp. Our Heritage Arts programming has developed into one of our strongest donor groups.

Our **Cave Lake** facility in Ohio continued offering family camping opportunities to youth and adults this past summer. This fall it was host to our 11th Make a Difference Day bringing together youth and adults in a day of service to continue to improve this facility.

Volunteer West Virginia's AmeriCorps Education Awards initiative strengthened Horseshoe camp counselor corps plus helped counselors earn financial help for college expenses.

Appalachian Regional Commission's entrepreneurship grant continues to allow HI-Y to certify teachers in the **REAL** (Rural Entrepreneurship through Action Learning) curriculum and support teen attendance at our annual Entrepreneurship Summit.

The **Walmart Foundation** and **Y-USA** gave special support to Horseshoe's **Summer Food Service Program** during the Governor's Youth Opportunity Camps. With added help from the **WV Department of Education's SFSP program**, Horseshoe was able to strengthen its healthy foods and nutrition family style meal service for needy 7 - 12 year old boys and girls.

GE Volunteers from the GE Engine Testing Plant at Peebles, OH, engaged **HI-Y teens** in two volunteer service days including **Make A Difference Day** improving facilities at **Cave Lake**.

Governor Earl Ray Tomblin and First Lady Joanne Tomblin hosted **HI-Y's Spirit of the Mountains** reception honoring **James "Buck" Harless** with **HI-Y's Lewis N. McManus Service Award**. Funds contributed to Spirit of the Mountains benefit all our WV youth programs.

HI-Y Beat Michigan Rally led by **Bob Blazer (AT&T)** in Columbus raises significant support for Ohio Youth in Government.

Sincerely,

Bill Morgan, President of the Board
Ohio-West Virginia State YMCA

Our Youth Say It Best...

"I learned to be open to many people's opinions and I learned to respect their ideas without compromising my personal views."

"YG is a great opportunity for students to learn the ins and outs of our state government. YG taught me skills and I appreciate the opportunity to learn so much."

"UN was fun, educational, and a great way to make friends. I learned more about international issues, other nation's viewpoints and made great friends in this short time. Model UN is really the only place students can gain a real understanding of the United Nations."

"Horseshoe is leadership plain and simple. but the leadership is in disguise. between group activities, games, meet and greet, the people you meet become family and soon you're stepping out and accomplishing things you never dreamed possible."

"The lessons at Entrepreneurship Summit were unique to any I have ever attended. I learned so much about small business management and leadership. The friends I made and the goals I set will stay with me forever."

"I want to become a better leader and HI-Y helps me achieve this goal."

"Fall Conference really influenced me and gives me the courage to do better things for my community."

We Invest In Our Youth Through . . .

HI-Y doing the most good to the greatest number for the longest time as teenagers build better homes, schools, and communities. More than 100,000 hours of volunteer service helping seniors, promoting healthy eating and living, feeding the hungry, cleaning the environment, reading with children, and dozens more initiatives are building better futures for all thanks to HI-Y teens.

Youth in Government builds foundations of democratic citizenship as teens learn the role and process of state government by serving as legislators, justices, officers, lobbyists, press or pages.

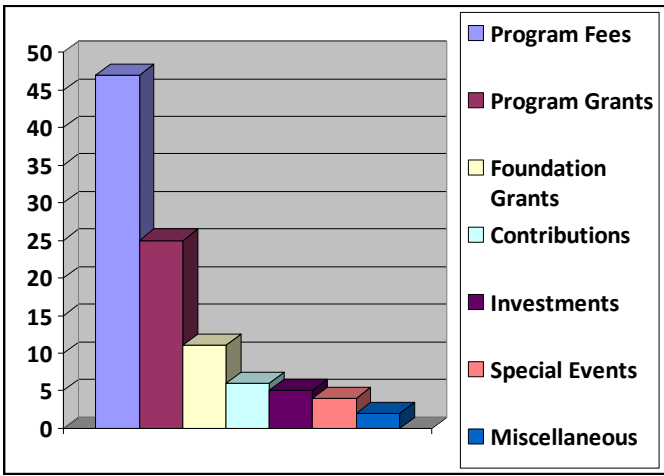
Model United Nations opens windows on the world as teens gain an international perspective and recognition of how international issues impact their communities.

8th Grade Youth & Government Seminars introduce teens to state government in three active days of on-site interactions with state leaders.

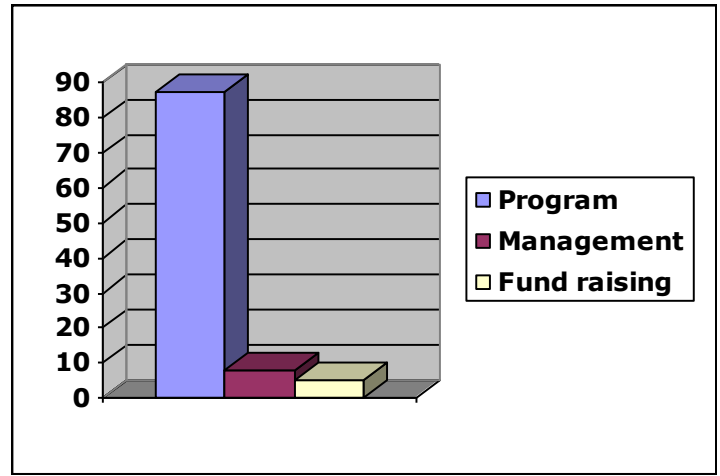
YMCA Camp Horseshoe is a remarkable experience. It makes you think things you've never truly seen. It gives you the resources you need in one week to become the best possible version of you. Teen Entrepreneurship and Leadership-Service Summits are open to all.

Family Camping thrives as more than 16,000 benefit from our Horseshoe Recreation Area in WV and our new Cave Lake Center for Community Leadership in Ohio.

Teen Officer Corps builds new generations of civic leaders as teenagers lead and govern local HI-Ys, Youth in Government and Model United Nations.



Where Does the Money Come From?



Where Does the Money Go?



Our Programs Change Lives...

"Shiloh changed my life. I first met him last summer when he arrived at Horseshoe as a very skinny and I think malnourished kid. At meals he would eat until it was time to leave. He was very protective of his younger brother. Over these two summer camps he was able to let his brother go on his own, to open up more about his life and hopes, and just be a kid. I am thankful to witness the changes over these two years. He has made an impact on my life and I hope I have on his life, too."

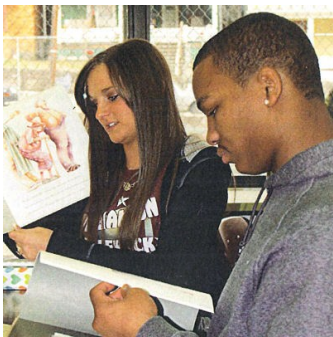
"The most important thing I learned is my voice matters."

"Now my outlook is different.."

"At Horseshoe we get taken out of the fast paced lives we live and have a shot at finding out what really matters in life."

"You break boundaries and push yourself to become a better leader."

"Volunteering at Youth Opportunity Camps changed me. One of my campers had not seen his parents in three years. I made it a point to show him what having a real dad is like. He did not like me because I had Nike shoes, he liked me because I paid attention to him. The best part of the last day of camp was when he came up to me and said, 'I'll miss you. You made this the best week of my life.'"



Our programs are available to all . . .

Youth in every community - cities, small towns, rural areas - across our states are welcome to participate in our programs.

Ohio-West Virginia State YMCA and its HI-Y Leadership Center are not places or a series of events. We offer life-changing youth experiences that build community through civic responsibility and service.

Contact us at 304-675-5899 or email hi-y@hi-y.org.



Philanthropy Changes Lives

Ideas, dreams and goals all leading to plans and program are necessary first steps. However, they are not enough. It takes philanthropy to turn the best dreams and plans into life changing experiences for our youth, our families, and our communities.

Philanthropy makes possible all the good HI-Y does. Program fees cover only part of our youth program costs. Gifts of every size make up the difference so that

HI-Y programs continue giving youth ". . . the tools to make a difference in my own life and the lives of others!"

Gifts may be made to the Ohio-West Virginia YMCA, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit by check, securities, credit card, or property. You can also donate online through our secure website (<https://giving.hi-y.org>). In addition to annual gifts, multi-year pledges are welcome as are bequests by will, endowment gifts, capital improvement gifts, and special project gifts. Our FEIN is 55-0631259.

Great ideals and principles do not live from generation to generation just because they are right, nor even because they have been carefully legislated. Ideals and principles continue from generation to generation only when they are built into the hearts of the children as they grow up.

George S. Benson



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We Owe Our Success to . . .

Our **Youth** who turn their lives to achievement as they start making differences for good in the lives of others as well as our families, schools and communities;

Our **HI-Y Advisors** who provide encouragement, support and guidance to our youth;

Our **Volunteers** without whom we could not continue our mission;

Our **Donors** who make it all possible;

Our **Supporters** who give encouragement and help to continue our work;

Our **Partners** who open doors to increasing opportunities for youth, participation, and HI-Y's impact;

Our **Staff** for their dedication and hard work;

Our **Board** and our **Committee Members** for their support and direction.

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