

Dear Friend,

There's a lot to love about living in San Diego. But along with the abundance of sunshine and beautiful ocean views, there's also the devastating need of hundreds of women, children and families who don't know how they're going to get through some very tough situations.

So what I'm most thankful for here in San Diego are compassionate, caring people like you who want to make a difference.

I don't know what would become of many in our community who are hurting and feeling hopeless, if not for your kindness.

This 100th anniversary year has been incredible. With your help, the YWCA of San Diego has transformed the lives of women and children through programs created to reduce the prevalence of domestic violence and homelessness.

In these difficult times, more women and families need our services. That's why I'm asking you to come along side us again and renew your support for 2008. The difference you make cannot be over stated.

With your ongoing commitment, we can give a fresh start to those in our community who depend on us.

Please renew your commitment with your thoughtful annual support. Be there in 2008 for those who need help from the YWCA of San Diego County.

On any given day in San Diego County, 500 women and children need a place that is safe, a shelter from abuse or just a bed to sleep in.

They come to us in the middle of the night, running away from danger and abuse. Or, they've been living in the car after the sudden loss of a job. Others come in off the streets with broken spirits and all hope lost. About 60% who come to us for shelter are children.

For nearly 100 years, the YWCA of San Diego County has provided safe house programs for women, children and families in need of immediate protection.

More than 70% of the individuals served by the YWCA of San Diego County successfully obtain employment and permanent housing and maintain a stable, self-sufficient lifestyle.

I know you share our vision of peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people. You've been right there with us as we strive to increase safety, promote healing, foster empowerment and give hope to women and families through innovative programs, service and advocacy.

Today, I entreat you to join us once again and send us the largest tax-deductible renewal gift you can to help the YWCA of San Diego County help those who need it the most.

Please use the enclosed Renewal Statement to send us your donation right now. Lives will be saved and children will be given a brighter future. Please don't wait another day to share your compassion.

Sincerely,

Casey Gwinn, J.D.
Chief Executive Officer

P.S. Please continue to support the women and families who depend on us. Your 2008 Annual Renewal gift will make a difference.