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## YWCA 16th Annual Leadership Luncheon!

**The YWCA of Yakima  
announces:**

**Pulitzer-Prize winning author  
Sheryl Wu Dunn**

**Speaking at the  
YWCA Leadership Luncheon**

**May 4th, 2010**



Sheryl WuDunn is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author who has reported from inside some of the toughest regimes in the world, from Myanmar to North Korea. As a foreign correspondent for *The New York Times*, WuDunn covered China and won a Pulitzer with her husband, Nicholas D. Kristof, for their coverage of the Tiananmen Square democracy movement in Beijing and the military crack-down that ended it. They were the first married couple to win a Pulitzer for journalism, and she was first Asian-American to win a Pulitzer.

Her experiences trekking through Asia over the years, along with the reporting her husband has done as an Op-Ed columnist for *The Times*, led the two of them to write *Half the Sky: From Oppression to Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, about women in the developing

world. *Half the Sky* illuminates the stories of many women who have suffered excruciatingly under their society's feudal attitudes toward women. It also describes how a growing crop of social entrepreneurs, mostly local women, are solving these problems and transforming societies around them. Kristof and WuDunn have developed their own ways to bring about change, and they recently went to Cambodia to launch a project to help do just that.

**Please Contact the YWCA to reserve  
your seat or table! 509-248-7796**

## **YAKIMA DOWNTOWN ROTARY PARTNERS WITH YWCA ON CHILDREN'S PROGRAM !**

The **Downtown Yakima Rotary Club** has recently awarded a grant to the YWCA in support of "**SAIL**" (Safety, Autonomy, Intervention & Learning). **SAIL** - scheduled to be launched this month - is our newest program and is designed specifically to meet the needs of children who have been impacted by family violence.

*Domestic violence victims are extremely fragile, facing insurmountable obstacles when attempting to leave their abuser; some of these obstacles include fear, the inability to identify services or provide a safe, nurturing environment for their children. Victims, fearing reprisal or failing to understand the dynamics of the cycle of violence, often return to their abuser where their victimization usually continues to escalate. The very nature of family violence eradicates trust, self-respect, and physical and emotional wellness in all victims, but none more so than the most vulnerable .....the children.*

**SAIL** is designed to provide the critical support, therapeutic play and interactive, age-appropriate activities which support the opportunity for children to work through the many emotions involved in overcoming abuse.

**SAIL** will provide age-appropriate learning and therapeutic play sessions and skill building opportunities, all designed to empower each child, building trust, self-respect, respect for others and a sense of community. This in turn will support the mother's ability to make the changes necessary to gain self-sufficiency and provide a safe, sustainable home for her family. Families will return to the community no longer dependent upon outside resources or government support. More importantly, with the cycle of violence broken, children once impacted by family violence and neglect can thrive. The services provided through **SAIL** will significantly increase the positive impact of what we do within the community, and especially for the families we serve.

*We are proud to include Yakima Downtown Rotary as a partner in our efforts to break the generational cycle of violence. With the help of this amazing community, we are creating something that will positively impact families for decades to come.*



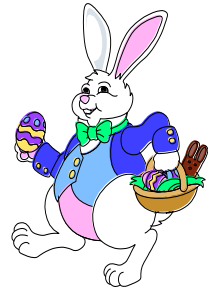
# SAIL

**(Safety, Autonomy, Intervention & Learning)**

## **The Easter Bunny**

### **Delivers to the**

## **YWCA!**



Baskets from:  
Girlfriends Unlimited  
West Valley Church  
Delivered from:  
Jennifer Wolman and daughter.



Thank you!  
Yakima Alky Andels  
Motorcycle Association!



## WELCOME New to the YWCA

### Legal Advocate Shawna Reyes

My name is Shawna Reyes and I am the new Legal Advocate for the YWCA. I grew up in Yakima and have lived here for most of my life. I have been married ten years and have an eight year old daughter. I have one dog named Ellie. I am currently a full time student at the University of Phoenix/Axia college online. I am pursuing a degree in Human Services/Management. I love the outdoors and spending time with my family and friends. I am excited to be a part of the team!

#### **BRINGING IT HOME**

**“a place to encourage hope, enrich lives  
and empower dreams”**

The past year was a busy one for the *Bringing It Home* project; as a result of a \$2.7 million award from the Washington State Housing Trust Fund, funding is now in place to launch Phase II of the renovations. This phase will result in 16 transitional housing units - studio, 1-2- and 3-bedroom fully self-contained apartments – and will be the first affordable housing specific for domestic violence survivors in Yakima County. The transitional housing wing will also offer a fully enclosed courtyard with green space and playground equipment for families to enjoy.

Following construction on the housing units, work will begin on the community resource center; the center will offer a computer technology lab, classroom space, and public meeting space and on-going “life skills” classes, among other amenities.

Upon completion – scheduled for 2011 - we will offer all domestic violence-related services under one roof in a centralized, downtown location. Programs currently offered will have more space, and we will be able to add additional programming specifically designed to best meet the needs of the families we serve.

We will be offering tours during certain stages of the construction work; please watch for notices announcing tours or other construction-related events, or call us any time at (509) 248-7796 if you are interested. We welcome your questions and participation in this exciting project for Yakima!

Thank you !

To all of the donors who keep the  
YWCA

In their hearts and prayers!  
Without you the YWCA would not be  
able to provide the services to the  
women and children of the Yakima  
Valley.

Your graciousness is appreciated!

If you would like to donate you may go to  
our website at:  
[www.ywcayakima.org](http://www.ywcayakima.org)  
And click on donations.



Thank you  
To ALL our  
Loyal Bunko Players!

Our January Bunko Event  
Was another  
HUGE  
SUCCESS!

Stay Tuned for our SUMMER  
Bunko!

The YWCA is supported through the efforts of

United Way  
of Central Washington



## YWCA Yakima

### SHELTER MISSION STATEMENT:

*The YWCA provides a safe  
and nurturing place where  
we empower all victims of  
domestic violence to heal  
and become self-reliant  
survivors.*

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