

HISTORY TIMELINE FOR YWCA LETHBRIDGE AND DISTRICT

YWCA Lethbridge and District has been a resource for women and children for nearly 60 years.

- 1949** Through the vision of our first Board of Directors, the YWCA Lethbridge and District opened a Victorian Home (the Old Vath and Gibson Houses) as a women's residence at 8 St. and 6 Ave. South.
- 1976** The YWCA Lethbridge and District holds its first Women of Distinction Awards Dinner.
- 1977** The much loved Victorian homes owned by the YWCA are condemned. Residence is moved to another location in the downtown area; however the administration offices remain at 8th Street and 6th Avenue South location.
- 1981** The YWCA Lethbridge and District starts Harbour House Women's Emergency Shelter and joins the newly formed Alberta Council of Women's Shelters.
- 1988** - The YWise Choice Supported Independent Living Program starts offer life skills development and residential supports to youth aging out of the Child Welfare system.
- The Drop in Child care is opened on a part time basis.
- 1990** Project Child Recovery, a support group for 6-12 year old children that have witnessed family violence, starts with support of the Foresters.
- 1996** YWCA Lethbridge and District joins YWCA Canada in Week Without Violence events.
- 2000** Harbour House starts its Outreach Program.
- 2002** - The first Real Story competition is held .
- Also, as part of the Week Without Violence events, the YWCA hosts its first ever Young Girl Savvy Women Conference in 2002. The program receives recognition from YWCA Canada.
- 2004** Following the success of Young Girl Savvy Woman, the YWCA starts the Girls Club which also receives YWCA Canada recognition.
- 2005** - Major renovations for the Health and Wellness facility are completed.
- The back yard of the YWCA is transformed and the Serenity Garden is opened June 2005.
- Through support of Lethbridge Life Long Learning two new programs commence – The Chat Room and our first ever YWise Women Conference. The Chat Room receives recognition by YWCA Canada.