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April 30 Girls Conference at the YWCA Hamilton

April 18-22 Girl Scout Spring Break Fling at the YWCA  
Hamilton

April 26 Annual Meeting and Open House 6-7:30 pm

May 25 May Morning Breakfast - 7:30 am - 9 am

Please contact the YWCA 513-856-9800 for more  
information

**111 YEARS OF CARING FOR  
BUTLER COUNTY WOMEN AND FAMILIES!**



The Altrusa Corporate Spelling Bee is an annual fund-raising event within the Butler County community. Area businesses compete in a fun-filled atmosphere for bragging rights. Attendance fees and donations augment corporate and individual sponsorships. Proceeds are used to support literacy programs in the area.

On March 4, 2011 the YWCA's team competed for the title of Best Speller. A total of 11 teams of Butler County's best and brightest came to win. The YWCA team came in 2nd place.

Thanks to Teresa K, Theresa K. and Jen K. ▲

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# A CALL TO ACTION for YWCA

*For over 100 years the YWCA Hamilton has shown fearless leadership during challenging times. Today the families we serve feel the brunt of economic uncertainty, rising unemployment and diminishing community resources. This is a call to action for the YWCA Hamilton – we are expanding programs and services for area families.*

The YWCA has established new partnerships, engaged volunteers willing to make an impact, and sought out new funding sources to meet the critical needs of our community. We're committed to providing job training and employment programs for both women and men, throughout Butler County, and after school programs for at-risk youth.

During all of this tremendous program activity, we've made significant strides in strengthening the impact and reach of our mission in the community. It truly is an exciting time to be a part of an organization driven by the mission to eliminate racism and empower women.

These past few months have been filled with tremendous change, excitement, challenge and opportunity for the YWCA. Conversations at kitchen tables, in classrooms, at the office water cooler, in places of worship, and in the media have engaged passionate discussions about gender, employment, youth and race in our country.

The YWCA Hamilton has launched programs in response to these discussions. These programs include Girls Inc., SOAR, Healthy

Relationships and the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs. These programs explore uplifting girls, employment skills training, decreasing abuse and violence and healthy self care. Each program focuses on promoting leadership through asset building, relationships and collaboration. As we move forward, the YWCA Hamilton is proud to launch numerous exciting initiatives to further communicate our impact in the community.



Sherrie Bluester, Ex. Dir.

We are forever appreciative of the many members, volunteers, donors and community partners whose contributions sustain our work and further our vision of peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

Sincerely,

*Sherrie*  
Sherrie Bluester  
Executive Director

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# How can you help the YWCA Hamilton?

## ► Grow Our Programs & Services

Join the hundreds of individuals, organizations, companies and foundations who help by giving charitable donations to the YWCA Hamilton. Your dollars can help save a life! Contributions can be sent to YWCA Hamilton- 244 Dayton Street- Hamilton, Ohio 45011, or donations can be made online. For more information, contact us at 513-856-9800.

**OUR GOAL is to register 100 new individuals and 100 renewals for membership by 12/2011!**

tutor adults and or children; assist victims of domestic violence or help a girl live up to her full potential. Other volunteer opportunities exist as well – call today! To find out more about volunteering with the YWCA, call Anita at 513-856-9800 or email at info@ywcahamilton.com

## ► Join Our Movement - Become a Member of the YWCA!

Join our movement of dynamic individuals committed to positively impacting the lives of women and children in Butler County by becoming a member of the YWCA. As a member of YWCA Hamilton, you become part of the YWCA's legacy of social change and activism. YWCA membership is an opportunity for you to support us in our mission to eliminate racism and empower women. Together, we will stand as a powerful voice and support network for women and girls. Please spread the word to friends, family and colleagues!

## ► Member Benefits

- Invitations to YWCA receptions and events
- E-newsletter subscription
- Advocacy e-newsletter subscription and action alerts
- Access to YWCA open computer lab sessions
- Membership card
- Discounts on YWCA events
- Voting privileges\*\*

## ► Corporate Partnerships & Matching Gifts

Does your company have a matching gift program? With a matching gift, you double the impact of your gift!

## ► Help Save a Life – Donate Your Old Cell Phones!

The average person replaces his or her cell phone every 14 months. By donating your old cell phones to the YWCA Hamilton, you can help raise funds for domestic violence and replace your phone in an eco-friendly way.

## ► Make A Difference – Volunteer!

The YWCA Hamilton is currently seeking individuals interested in volunteering in a variety of ways. Trained volunteers assist with special events; support advocacy and fundraising; provide leadership on the Board or on a Committee;

# girls inc.® CONFERENCE "Empowering Girls"

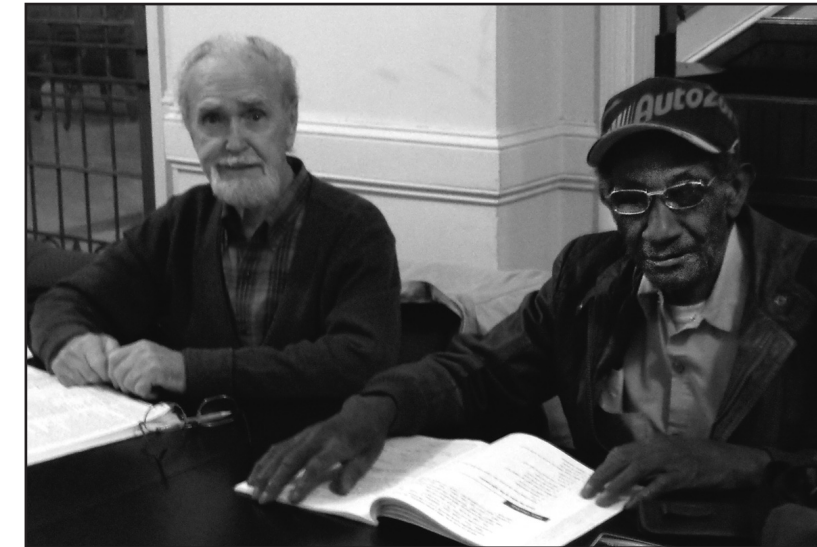
Girls Inc. at YWCA Hamilton is hosting an event for girls in Butler County on April 30th. This all-day conference gives girls in grades 3-6 the opportunity to participate in workshops covering a variety of topics. Girls can choose from topics such as health, leadership, career choices, media, money, kickboxing and more! Growing Together is one workshop that will be offered for both mothers and daughters that will focus on increasing communication during developmental stages.

Facilitators will be influential women from all over Butler County. This will be an exciting day filled with dynamic speakers and interactive activities that will inform young girls on critical issues. The event will take place at the YWCA Hamilton and registration is only \$5 per person. Scholarships are available. Participants will receive lunch, giveaways, and a t-shirt. ▲



# Two Men on a Mission

Just like clock work every Monday and Thursday morning here at the YWCA, a wonderful thing occurs. Two older gentlemen meet in the lobby, both with books in hand; they are on a mission. They are breaking down barriers. One seeks to help; the other seeks to learn. One is the teacher; the other is the student. One is eighty-seven, and the other is seventy. Learning how to read or improve reading skills is timeless. According to Herman Wolfrum, "This is a great experience. He is a wonderful person. I wish I had known about this program a long time ago." The program is the YWCA Family Literacy Program, and it has used volunteers to work one to one with adults since 1972.



According to Herman, Otis was born in Georgia and migrated to Hamilton as a young man. He had worked in automotive repair shops most of his working life since WWII. He was unable to get promotions because of his limited ability to read and write. He has not, however, let the hard life he led in his youth destroy his outlook on life. He brings a positive outlook to every meeting. In his readings he recognizes details and understands the big picture. ▲

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*Computer training that starts where you are...*

YWCA Literacy announces

# SPRING 2011 COMPUTER CLASS SCHEDULE

ALL CLASSES ARE 6-9 PM TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

OPEN TO ALL ADULT MEN & WOMEN

From turning on the computer and using the mouse to using the Internet and the basics of Microsoft Office programs, you can gain the skills and confidence necessary!

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND ALL SESSIONS OF THE CLASSES YOU CHOOSE. Each session builds on the skills already learned.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED CALL 513.856.9800

