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For over 100 years, the mission of the YWCA of Silicon Valley has been to empower women, children, and families, and to eliminate racism, hatred, and prejudice.

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We welcome this opportunity to communicate with you, our supporter. Together we are making a positive difference in our community and in our future.

New at the YW - TechGYRLS®



TechGYRLS® is a highly successful nationwide YWCA after-school empowerment program that provides girls ages 5-14 with the opportunities to increase their skills and confidence in the use of technology & engineering. Girls learn computer animation, fundamental engineering concepts, and video production, with future projects to include web design and robotics.

If you are interested in more information, or to participate as a speaker or volunteer with our TechGYRLS® Program, please call (408) 295-4011 ext. 210 or email [Graciela Valladares](#), Director, Youth Services.

23rd Annual Tribute to Women (TWIN) Awards

Forty-eight outstanding executive women from Silicon Valley will be honored by the YWCA of Silicon Valley, May 10, 2007 at the 23rd Annual Tribute to Women (TWIN) Awards Program at the San Jose Fairmont. The YWCA is proud to announce [Xilinx, Inc.](#) as the Presenting sponsor for the 2007 TWIN Awards and [Cisco](#) as the Honoree Luncheon sponsor. Other top sponsors include Adobe Systems Incorporated, Applied Materials, Inc., Hewlett-Packard Company, IBM Corporation, Intuit Inc., KLA-Tencor Corporation, Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company, and Sun Microsystems, Inc.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes



Our heartfelt thanks to the over four-hundred and fifty supporters, advocates, and volunteers that joined us this past Wednesday evening April 4th, at our Fifth Annual "walk to bring awareness" supporting April's Sexual Assault Awareness Month and benefiting the YWCA's Rape Crisis Center. Male community leaders, students, businessmen, police officers, firefighters, paramedics, EMT's, and residents walked (in women's heels) from Plaza de Cesar Chavez through the streets of downtown San Jose to lightheartedly call attention to the problem of sexual assault in our community. Walkers and advocates raised over twenty three-thousand dollars in support of the services and programs of our Rape Crisis Center.

17th Annual Luncheon



Tuesday, October 23, 2007
 Keynote Speaker Billie Jean King
 Doors open, 11:00 a.m.
 Lunch & Program, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 San Jose McEnery Convention Center

The YWCA Annual Luncheon has earned its reputation as the most powerful non-profit luncheon in the Silicon Valley. It also serves as the YWCA's largest annual fundraiser. Funds are used to support the organization's community programs and services that annually serve more than 24,000 women and families.

We are proud to have Billie Jean King as our keynote speaker this year. As one of the 20th century's most respected women, Billie Jean King has long been a champion for social change and equality. She created new inroads for women in and out of sports during her legendary career and she continues to make her mark today.

Denim Day 2007

Thank you for wearing jeans this past April 25, during during April's National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Wearing jeans to work or while out in the community each year on Denim Day has become an international symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault. It is a global response to a 1999 Italian Supreme Court decision to overturn a rape conviction because the victim was wearing tight jeans. This decision did not recognize that coercion, threats, and force are a part of the act of rape. Join us next year to

Break the Dress Code, Break the Silence

With your continued support, we can all look to a brighter future.

Sincerely,

Keri Procnier McLain Ph.D.
 CEO
 YWCA of Silicon Valley

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