

Rescue of the Month

YWCA feline employee brings peace to families in crisis.

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Like so many who come to the YWCA in Lewiston, Idaho, Moco arrived hungry and homeless.

“We found out that some of the residents of our homeless shelter were feeding her,” says Wendy Diessner, director of operations for the Y. “They’d banded together and were doing their best to take care of this very scruffy-looking cat.”

That was in August, 2001. These days, Moco helps run the Y and take care of its clients, people who primarily are dealing with domestic violence and sexual assault. The agency also operates a homeless facility and serves as a service center for victims of other crimes.

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