

HISTORY

Yakima Specialties, Inc. was founded in June, 1964 in a small building at South 13th Street and East Viola Avenue in Yakima, Washington through the efforts and finances of parents of disabled adults. Representatives of the Washington State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation assisted in its formation and obtained the necessary equipment. The Yakima Rotary Club, in 1968, aided in the purchase of a lot at 1913 McNair Avenue for the location of the facility, both plant and equipment. The Board of Directors organized a fund drive to rebuild the plant. By March 1972, approximately \$90,000 had been raised in cash donations, equipment and state grants.

A Janitorial Program was initiated in 1982 in order to teach commercial janitorial skills to disabled adults.

In 1986, the Board of Directors planned and created Yakima Medical Laundry. This state of the art commercial laundry provides a larger variety of jobs for disabled adults as well as contract laundry services for hospitals and medical facilities in Yakima County.

In 1995, after much consideration, the Board purchased the building and property at our current location. Plans were drawn, financing acquired, and the construction began. One of the Board's mandates was not state or federal funds be used in this venture. With the help of Providence Medical Center; local companies and individuals, no tax dollars were used. Our facility can truly be called a "community achievement". YSI has worked with local school districts to provide job training for special education students transferring from school to work.

On September 23, 1996, Yakima Specialties held the groundbreaking ceremony for the new 30,000 square foot facility. The current facility is now the home of Yakima Medical Laundry, Yakima Specialties Janitorial, and Yakima Specialties Woodshop, serving up to 100 individuals a year through the efforts of 15 staff members. It also houses the office of the Yakima Specialties Foundation, a separate non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation founded in 2003 to help improve the life-styles of the disabled. Yakima Specialties will continue to seek new employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities in Yakima County.



YAKIMA SPECIALTIES, INC



TO ALL OUR ACCOUNTS:
Thank you so much for your support.
Your business is very much appreciated.

A special thank you to



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MISSION STATEMENT

“Yakima Specialties empowers people with barriers to employment to achieve their highest potential in life and in the workplace”

Yakima Specialties, Inc. was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit agency. This designation requires a volunteer Board of Directors. Yakima Specialties has been able to attract a professional cross section of community leaders to provide guidance and a vision with no boundaries. They ensure Yakima Specialties offers a safe, employee-friendly workplace. Their vision has resulted in the opening of our three acre, 30,000 square foot facility and has dropped our reliance of tax money to less than 1/2 of 1% of our operating budget. Our number one goal is to benefit our disabled employees. We look with anticipation towards the future.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As Yakima Specialties, Inc approaches 50 years in the business of assessing, training and employing those with barriers to employment, we are continuing to expand our capabilities.

Our newest endeavor beyond our woodshop, medical laundry and janitorial services is our new “supported employment program”. This will fulfill our mission to find meaningful employment out in the community for those with barriers to employment.

To our loyal customers, suppliers, friends and especially our volunteer board members, I want to express our gratitude and appreciation for all you have done to support this most unrecognized and under appreciated non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

It is our intention to showcase your programs, products and services to the entire Yakima community. Yakima Specialties, Inc is here to stay. We are ever stronger due to the commitment of the management team, staff and especially the employees of this fine organization that give their time, effort and treasurer daily.

We will continue to be the best at what we do and will always promote the notion that we are all equal and deserving of the opportunity to have choices in whatever we choose to do in life.

Regards,
Patrick McCarthy
Executive Director

OUR SERVICES



WOOD PRODUCTS

New Pallets
Repair Pallets
Custom Cutting
Tree Spreaders
Crates



YAKIMA MEDICAL LAUNDRY

Linen Services
Medical Uniforms
Lab/Drs. Coats
Mats
Mops



JANITORIAL SERVICE

Commercial Cleaning

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT



Direct Placement
Supported Employment
Job Coaching
On-The-Job-Evaluation
Employability Skills Training



ELIGIBILITY

1. 18 years of age
2. Diagnosed disability
3. Drug Free
4. Willingness to learn skills valuable to the employee, Yakima Specialties and the community.

