

The Siever's Family Y Story

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The YMCA of Snohomish County has been shaped by volunteers who have given their time, talents, and hearts to ensure others have a place to belong. Roy and Beth Sievers exemplified that commitment.

For decades, Roy helped guide the YMCA through seasons of growth and opportunity. As Board President from 1938 to 1942, he provided steady leadership during a pivotal time in the association's history. His service continued long after his presidency, including chairing the executive committee that led the successful campaign for the 1960 expansion and renovation of the YMCA. His vision helped create a stronger Y, prepared to serve a growing community.

In 1953, Beth spearheaded the YMCA Women's Auxiliary, breathing new life into an organization that became a powerful force for community engagement. Under her leadership, volunteers organized family events, supported YMCA membership campaigns, and raised critical funds through bake sales, style shows, and community gatherings.

The auxiliary began a rummage sale featuring a small "Book Nook," which grew into the YMCA's annual used book sale, a beloved community event that supported the Y's mission for many years.

Their legacy didn't end with them. Their son, Ray, continued the family's tradition of service, serving as Vice Chair of the Everett Family YMCA Board of Directors. Reflecting on his parents' dedication, he remembered a home centered on service: "It seemed like my dad was out to Y meetings about every night. And my mother with that Auxiliary—they were really busy."