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What's happening at the YWCA of Greater Lawrence

Quarter Past July 2019

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## SAVE THE DATE! YW FALL FEST!

Join us for the 2nd Annual  
FALL FEST  
on Wednesday,  
September 18, 2019 at  
Camp Y-Wood,  
Salem, NH,  
5:30 pm - 8:00  
pm. Sponsorships and  
Guest Reservations  
are now available!

Contact [Jeanne Osborn](#) for  
more information or call  
her at 978.788.6339

## Did YOU Know... ...the YW rents space?

First, Camp Y-Wood is open for rentals! You can enjoy 22-acres of natural beauty on Captain's Pond in nearby Salem, NH. Great for corporate outings, field trips, family gatherings, fishing derbies, reunions, birthday parties or any event! There is a beautiful waterfront, acres of wooded areas and a pavilion just waiting for your enjoyment. Lifeguards will be on duty.

Second, our pool and gymnasium at 38 Lawrence Street are also available for party rentals, swim teams, basketball or volleyball teams.



## Tribute to Women 2019 Honors 21 Women!

In May we celebrated 21 outstanding women in our service area by honoring them at our Tribute to Women awards luncheon, held at the Andover Country Club. It was a spectacular event attended by more than 450 guests, with Pfizer, Inc. serving as our Diamond Sponsor. With beautiful weather the Honorees and their Nominators were bursting with pride. Susan Staples, Executive Director, spoke about the Honorees who have made an exceptionally positive impact in their careers and in their communities, as the YW has done since the early 1890's. Susan Tucker, former State Senator, served as the Honorary Chair and spoke highly of the achievements the YW surpasses each year on behalf of all the Honorees and their role in building strong communities. A special thank you to all our generous sponsors, including Eastern Bank, our Ruby Sponsor, attendees and friends. Fundsraised help to support more than 26 programs and services.

## Tribute 2019 Fund the Cause!

Each year at Tribute, envelopes are placed on each table to raise money for a special cause. This year, money raised will help to refurbish the playground at our main site which is in

Rates for all our rentals for are very reasonable. Contact [Javier Fantauzzi](#) for pricing or call him at 978.687.0331 x1060.

**Learn More...**

...about the YW's work and the impact of your support by viewing our [Building Leadership from Within](#) video.

For more info about the YWCA, visit us at:

[www.ywcalawrence.org](http://www.ywcalawrence.org)

[www.ywcahaverhill.org](http://www.ywcahaverhill.org)

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dire need of a face-lift and new play equipment. With the generosity of those attending, the YW raised enough money to accomplish this challenging goal. It was an amazing feat and is truly appreciated. The team at the YW are excited for the children and cannot wait to see their faces when they go out to play in the newly furnished area. Thank you again to all who supported this worthwhile cause. *Note: We are pleased to share that Honoree Cynthia Croatti made the final donation for this project and we are dedicating this playground as the Marie DiFilippo Croatti Memorial Playground in her memory.*

**Watch for updates on the new playground as things progress!!**



### The YWCA Appreciates their Volunteers!

Pfizer spent two days getting Camp Y-Wood ready for the 2019 campers who will ascend upon the camp July 1st. It took a great many volunteers to rake, weed, sweep and redo the walkway with paving stones. As you may recall, we were unable to offer camp sessions last summer due to destructive winter weather in 2018. With Pfizer's help this year, the camp is looking great and is ready for fun summer activity!

***Thank you Pfizer for all you do to support the YW!***



## United Way Volunteers Help with the Annual Spring Clean-up at the YW!

Each spring, a group of United Way volunteers help clean up our garden areas as part of their giving back to the community. This year the group weeded, installed new bark mulch, planted beautiful flowers, swept, painted and enjoyed making a difference at the YW.

*Thank you United Way for all your hard work!*

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### News of Note:

#### Amesbury's Code and Circuit Supports our Girls

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On August 5th and 6th, 20 girls from the YW will spend two days in Amesbury at **Code and Circuit** to learn an exciting and up-to-date program for coding utilizing the *Blue Bots* and *Bee Bots*. The girls will learn how to program/code blue bots and work on their leadership skills to eventually mentor younger girls in the group. This outing is made possible by a grant to promote Career Exploration for Gender Specific Programs - focusing on girls ages 10 to 13. For the first time, the YW was awarded funding for this program which will run through April 2020. The grant will help our girls gain knowledge on various STEM career paths by inviting female leaders from the community to speak about their experiences. In addition to the Amesbury on-site class, an on-site mentoring activity at 38 Lawrence Street will begin in the Fall. Weekly, two separate sessions will provide a small group with instruction on coding. This will create a mentoring opportunity for our older girls as they will mentor

younger girls in the group. We are seeking additional funding to to continue this program over thenext three years.

### Women's Health Services Update



We're pleased to share that our community outreach program, in partnership with Lawrence General Hospital [LGH], continues to yield excellent results for the greater Lawrence area. Through our wonderful partnership, the YW continues to educate at-risk residents on the importance of breast health via *charlas*, hosted by our Health Ambassadors [HAs]. HAs are then able to refer women to LGH for a mammography screening. In the past 12 months [June 2018 - June 2019], we have outreached to more than 1000 community residents on how to perform a monthly self-breast exam as well as other key breast health issues [including breast cancer symptoms], and we've referred more than 82 women for mammography screenings. Out of those referred, approximately 10% have had 'findings.' What we're really proud of, though, is that for the four women diagnosed with breast cancer, they have been able to receive treatment [surgery, chemo, radiation and other services] as part of our joint partnership program. This critical, life-saving work will continue into 2020 as a result of funding through LGH and philanthropist Cynthia Alekel Mohr. For more information, call 978.788.6336.

### Girls LIFE Program Comes to YWCA Fina House!



In partnership with Budget Buddies [BBs], the YW's Teen Parenting Program [TPP] served as the Lawrence beta site of this new program designed to teach economic sustainability to at-risk female teens. Led by

BB's Ren Workmen, eight of our TPP residents enjoyed, learned and established good habits on how best to manage their finances for themselves and their children. While residents are with us at Fina House, we work with them in engaging, educational financial literacy programs. The Girls LIFE Program is a winner with our residents and has helped them begin sound financial practices early in life to help them thrive. Our thanks to our friends at BBs for this wonderful program!

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