37th Annual Tribute to Women

INSPIRING

Each May, the YWCA Northeastern Massachusetts honors a select group of remarkable women who contribute to the communities within our service areas at our awards luncheon at the Andover Country Club. Tribute to Women raises needed funds to help with our more than 26 YWCA programs and services.

COMPELLING

YWCA Northeastern Massachusetts is a social change organization existing today for the same reasons it was founded back in 1892. It was founded to assure women have the tools, skills and opportunities they need to become and remain personally and economically self-sufficient.

Each year, the YW serves over 15,000 people from our Lawrence, Haverhill, Lynn, and Salem, NH locations where people know they can turn to for caring, compassionate and highly skilled support. Behind every one of our milestones is a story, a journey, and an unwavering commitment to improving the lives of women and their families. Our services and programs model our mission of helping to foster peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

JOIN IN THE SUPPORT TODAY

Your support as a Sponsor, Advertiser, Guest or Donor will have a significant and immediate impact on the women and children we serve in our Women’s Health Services, Girls Center, Sexual Assault & Rape Crisis, YWCA Fina House, Early Learning Center, Domestic Violence Programs, After School Programs, Health & Wellness Programs, Women’s Emergency Shelter, Camp Y-Wood

Did YOU Know...

...the YW rents space?

Need a place to hold your corporate outings, school or family reunions, or celebrations? Camp Y-Wood’s 22-acres of natural beauty on Captain’s Pond in nearby Salem, NH is a wonderful alternative, as you will have access to a beautiful waterfront, acres of wooded areas, and a pavilion just waiting for your enjoyment. Lifeguards are available!

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

The One Wish Project supports the YWCA Emergency Shelter by providing delicious birthday cakes or cupcakes to those children living in our emergency shelter. Special Thanks to Hannah Finn for her dedication and generosity to the YW!

Fall Cleaning?
The YW is accepting gently used "Little Tikes" furniture, tables & chairs, toys. Please consider donating them to our preschool. Call Jeanne Osborn, 978-788-6339 for more information!

YW Celebrates Annual Meeting

The YWCA Northeastern Massachusetts’ Annual Meeting was held on November 14, 2019 where President of the Board, Emma Campbell introduced new incoming board members and welcomed current board, staff and attendees. We were enlightened on the Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence programs, what’s happening at our Haverhill site, and Children and Family services. Board business was conducted and Executive Director, Susan Staples gave an update of what 2020 will bring. "We Make a Difference" at the YW and as the theme for 2020, we will continue to serve over 15,000 and make a difference in the Merrimack Valley.
News of Note:
Ending domestic violence is on the mind of many including the Lawrence Police Department and partners such as the YWCA. "We are responsible for ending the violence" as stated by Arelis Huertas, Director, YWCA Community-Based Domestic and Sexual Violence Programs. The new purple cruiser, courtesy of the LPD is dedicated to bringing awareness to those in need.
The Haverhill Exchange Club recently held their annual Around the World fundraising event and the YW was a recipient of a donation of $1000 for camperships for our Haverhill youth! Thank you Haverhill Exchange Club!

The Nora Roberts Foundation funded our Early Learning Program. The program uses a curriculum called "Success for All and Early Reading First" and the YW has used this curriculum for over ten years. This program, thanks to the Nora Roberts Foundation, will allow us to add valuable books to help our children become more exposed to reading, especially those children who have no financial means to purchase books. We are so appreciative and we cannot wait to spend the money on many, many books!

The Newman Foundation donated $5000 to the YW Haverhill Offices! The funds granted to us will go towards supporting our Haverhill facility. It offers, amongst other things, youth
programming and activities, and our Single Resident Occupancy (SRO) program to house women who were homeless as a result of domestic, sexual violence, mental health issues, or substance abuse. Thank you for your support to the YW!

Partnerships Go a Long Way at the YWCA!

The YW cannot do it alone. We have many partnerships in the community and the United Way is just one. Maricelis Ortiz, Administrator of Children and Family Services spoke to the staff at Wright-Pierce in Andover. Joining Maricelis was Cal Williams, Senior Development Director, Community Relations for United Way. They spoke of the importance of giving back to the community through payroll deductions. Each year, the YW partners with organizations to donate to the United Way through their payroll services and their small sustaining donation is a great benefit to the YW to help provide needed services. We thank Wright-Pierce for inviting us to their office and letting the staff know there are ways to give back!

A GREAT evening for all at Family Night and Christmas Celebrations were fun too!

Family Night and Christmas Celebrations were great opportunities to have some fun with the kids and their families doing crafts, having some great snacks and taking photos!