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Quarter Past April 2020

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Postponed! Tribute to Women

The YWCA Northeastern Massachusetts 37th Annual Tribute to Women scheduled for May 14, 2020 has been postponed due to guidelines established by the CDC. The YWCA is actively seeking to reschedule and will keep you informed when we have secured a new date. Thank you for your support and please stay well. Please contact Jeanne Osborn for any questions or call her at 978.788.6339

2020 Tribute to Women Honorees!

Patricia Ahern, CEO Care Dimensions
Ann Jones, President of the Greater Haverhill Art Association
Margaret Glenn, Program Manager, Center for Corporate and Community Education, Northern Essex Community College
Julie LaFontaine, President, Open Door Gloucester
Andreina, Viera, CEO, The Vieras
Karen Gomes, CEO, Home Health Foundation
Mary Lyman, Director, Community Relations at the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center
Julia Silverio, Founder, Silverio Insurance Agency
Vilma Martinez-

Welcome to Spring!

The YWCA, during these unprecedented times, believes it is important to keep you up-to-date on what is happening to assure all of you, our supporters, friends and all we consider family, that despite the crisis all of us are experiencing, we are still offering services to those in need. It takes a lot of creativity to keep an agency this size operational, but rest assured we have some very creative staff doing wonderful things! Here are some examples of what our incredible staff are doing to continue to help women, children and families:

Our Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Program staff continues to answer both our 24-hour domestic violence and 24-hour sexual assault hotline supporting survivors by offering crisis intervention, safety planning, advocacy and community referrals. The YW sexual and domestic violence staff also continue to provide all crucial support services, individual counseling, police, and legal advocacy remotely to survivors across Essex County. The staff is working very hard providing medical support telephonically and encourage anyone who may experience a sexual assault to seek medical assistance through their local emergency rooms.

Our Teen Parenting Program staff are working full time on site to continue to provide 24-hour services to support teen parents. They are following CDC guidelines to assure all residents and staff are safe. Program staff work with parents to provide structured fun time with their children. Parents are reading, playing board games, coloring and helping with their

Dominguez, Community Development Director, City of Lawrence
Linda Siegenthaler, Retired Community Advocate
Nancy Clover, President, Occupational Health Connections, Inc.
Sabrina Boggio, Founder, Progress Clothing
Gini Mazmann, Founder and Director of the Haven Project
Paula Westmacott, Vocational Coordinator, Andover High School
Nancy Berry, Editor, RMS Media Group (North Shore Magazine)
Cheryl Parent, Senior Branch Manager VP, Enterprise Bank
Wanda Gomez, Vice President of Residential Services, Fidelity House CRC
Linda Soucy, Low Income Energy Efficiency Program Manager, Columbia Gas of Massachusetts
Margaret Marotta, Superintendent, Haverhill Public Schools
Catalina Dongo, Director of Human Resources, UniFirst Corporation
Linda Harvey, Executive Director, Harvey Girls, Inc.
Nancy Stager, Executive Vice President, Eastern Bank

school lessons.

The Children and Family Service staff are helping to keep these wonderful kid's brains working by staying on top of curriculum. The staff is sending home activities and worksheets via email. Our school age children hear from the staff to let them know they are thinking of them and cannot wait until we see them again. Our young Pre-K children are communicating via Zoom, WhatsApp, emails and have prepared some activities and work the children can do while at home.

Some amazing things are happening in our virtual classrooms! We want to take some time to put the spotlight on Pre-K children educator Gabby Melancon. When Gabby realized the children in her class were sometimes feeling "lost" at home without coming into class each day, Gabby researched many different options to make face-timing with the kids a possibility. She knew the children wanted to communicate with her as she wanted to communicate with the children and families also. After completing a poll with the parents, the vast majority were all for this new idea. On Monday, March 23rd she began doing the daily 40 minute circle activity. Some parent have even left their phones at home, while they go to work to give access to their children for daily circle learning. During this circle time, she teaches her lesson, reads stories and even does virtual tours of their homes! Gabby is very excited about this new style of communicating with her kids that "no matter what each day brings, we roll with and make the best of it. Outside of Zoom, I have sent my parent messages just to check in and wish them safety and good health, while sending our Pinterest links, or YouTube channel and education links that can be useful in the home. In return, my parents are able to get a glimpse into what I do every day with their kids at school." Gabby is remarkable and found a way to give her children the best education in a

most difficult situation.



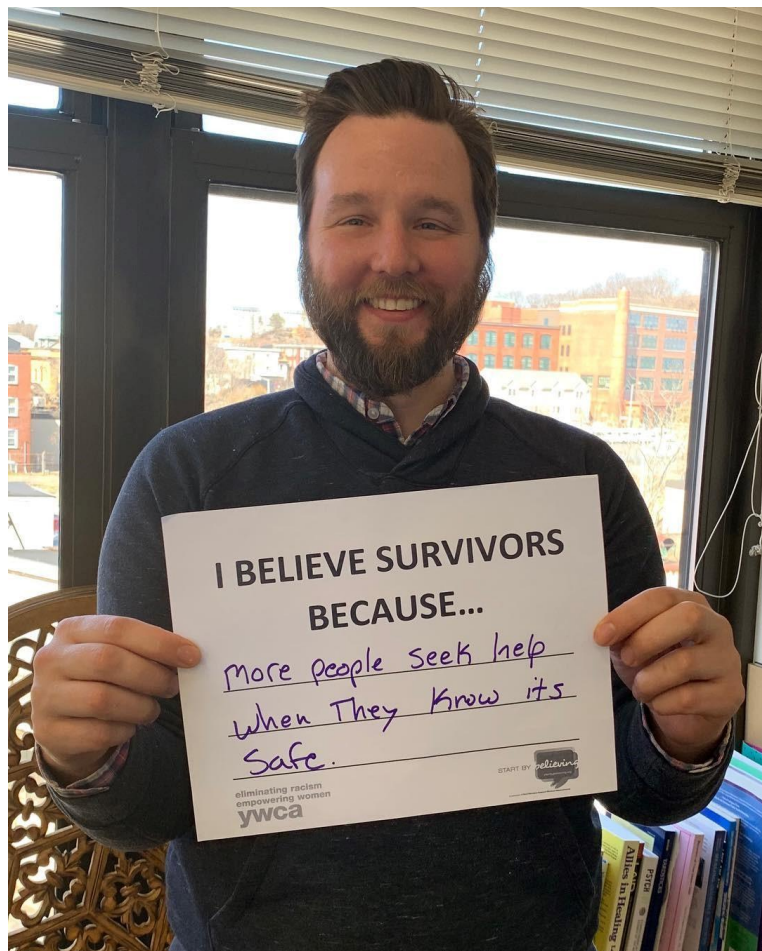
We All Count! Census 2020 and We are here to help!

Every ten years, in accordance with the Constitution, the United States requires that a Census be taken. The Census counts the entire population to have a better idea of how many people are living in the same home, their sex, age and race of each person. With the help of the Census, billions of dollars are distributed based on the up-to-date population information gathered. Once the Census is taken, communities are funded for educational programs, healthcare, law enforcement, infrastructure. Businesses also benefit from the Census to assess markets and consumer demand to make decisions involving investments and new product development. When the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a census, it does not just determine the number of people living in the United States. It also determines political representation and annual allocations of more than \$675 billion in state and federal funding to communities throughout the United States.

The YW remains committed to supporting the completion of a full, fair and accurate census and reaching hard-to-count community members. The

Census offers all of us an opportunity to bring much needed resources to our communities. The YW is working to help staff, parents, residents to complete the census!

For more information on how to insure you are counted in the 2020 census, check out Census Counts: <https://censuscounts.org/> and the official site for the 2020 Census: <https://2020census.gov/en>.



YW News:

It is with great pleasure to introduce Ross Steinborn as the new Program Director of the YWCA Northeastern Rape Crisis Center in Lynn, MA. Ross has been with the center in Lynn for five years and he is honored to have the ability to counsel sexual assault survivors and the opportunity to

educate youth about healthy sexual
boundaries and consent. Congratulations
Ross!



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