

YW Happenings


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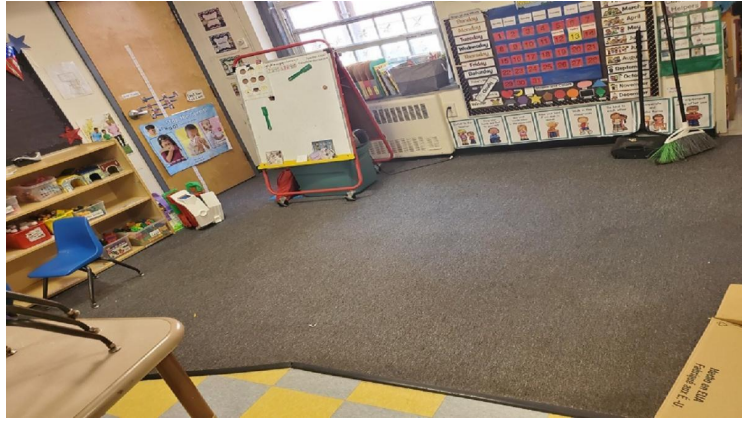
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Tribute to Women A Big Success!

On Tuesday, June 23, 2020, the 37th Annual Tribute to Women was held virtually with a Live event honoring 22 outstanding and accomplished women in the Merrimack Valley and North Shore. Although the event was a bit different than previous years, it surely was a great success and money raised will help renovate and refurbish our Early Learning Classrooms. During Sue Staples' heartfelt "fund the need" plea, she indicated that flooring and painting were just a few of things needed for the rooms. With the generosity of our supporters, we raised enough money to repaint, repair, purchase new furniture, shelving and rugs. Upgrading our toys, books and classroom signs will also be a priority to completing this very important project giving our children a wonderful new learning space when they return to school. Here are before photos of the classrooms, once completed it will be exciting to see the "after" photos!



Thank you to our supporters!

**Haverhill and Lawrence Locations Get a Facelift
With the Help From Some Generous Sponsors!**

A very special thank you to the George C. Wadleigh Foundation and the Griffin White Foundation for providing needed funding for the Haverhill site project. The Haverhill building exterior painting project was of vital importance, not only to maintain the value of the property, but also to maintain the integrity of the structure to prevent damage from the elements which could result in structural deterioration. This project houses, aside from the YWCA School Aged Child Care Program, 10 low-income Haverhill women and all qualify for the project based Section 8 housing voucher. The renovation of the outside of the building benefits the ten

current residents, plus any other residents in the foreseeable future. Painting and repairing commenced during the spring and the Haverhill site looks amazing!



The YWCA boasts many buildings and offer many programs and with that, upgrades to the buildings and programs are constantly being reviewed so our children are safe and have a clean environment in which to learn and play. Projects during the winter, when the YW was shut down, included the lobby. A complete renovation with new paint, new flooring and a beautiful new reception desk were installed because of a generous donor. The YW is grateful to those who continuously support us!

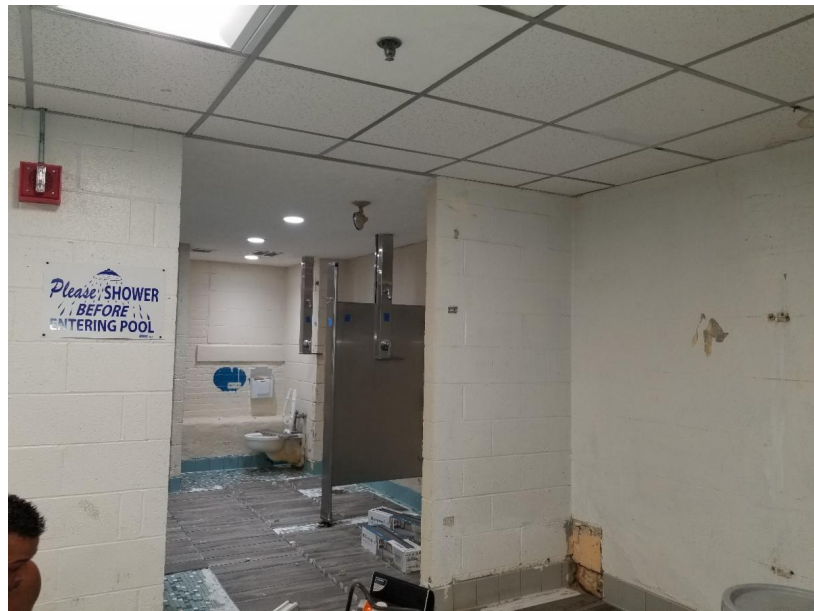
Special thank you to those who attended our Fall Fest last September as they provided the needed funding for the girl's locker room. Hundreds of people of all ages use the girls's locker room on a weekly basis. New tiling on the floors and walls are being installed and numerous lockers and shower equipment are being replaced or repaired. Major alterations to the entrance of the girl's lockers room will be done by widening the doorway to make it handicapped accessible. The main hallway leading to the swimming pool will be repainted and an upgrade to the lavatory in their locker room will be done and a second stall will be installed.

New Reception Area





In process - the renovation of the girl's locker room! Watch for the "after" photos!



Great things happen at the YW because of supporters like YOU!

YW News During Covid and NOW!

The YWCA never missed a beat during the past winter months and to date we are going strong. The YW delivered 18,134 meals to our families in need throughout Haverhill and Lawrence, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault services continued virtually and staff provided virtual training to community partners. All residential programs continued and those needing case management and on-going support were given those services. Following EEC Guidelines and with reduced capacity, all programs are open including Camp Y-Wood!

The YW is resilient for sure and care so much for our families and children that we became very creative in a world that was unknown to all of us and still is. The YWCA is hoping all the children will be back at school with all precautions in place and is anxiously awaiting to hear more on what Massachusetts' plans are for reopening.





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