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The summer months were very busy here at the YW. Classrooms were painted and the Girl's Locker Room was renovated. Last year, Fall Fest raised much needed money to renovate the girls' locker room. It is now complete and it is an amazing transformation.

This years. Fall Fest with a Twist is being held on November 5th to benefit our much needed Gym renovations. Our children use the gym every day and there have been no repairs to it in many, many years. Without the use of the gym, it takes away part of our programming for the children. It is necessary and so important.



GIRL'S NEWLY RENOVATED LOCKER ROOM!

A very big thank you to Andrea Vannett for volunteering her time to freshen –up the classrooms with a new coast of paint. With the help of our generous donors, new furniture has been ordered to complete the project.





Special thank you to Juana Naveo, YWCA Board of Director, for recommending the YWCA to the Cumming's Foundation. The Cumming's Community Giving generously donated \$1000 to assist with our Safety of Child Care Programs!



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No Matter What, the YW Continues to Serve those in Need!

When it comes to serving our women, children and families, efforts are made each day to find new and innovative ways to keep in touch with those survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Services are offered remotely and assisting families with safety planning and emergency shelter is still offered. Medical advocacy and emotional support in the hospital settings for survivors of sexual violence is being offered telephonically. Safeplan Advocates assist clients with the completion of restraining and harassment orders. During October, we are offering free educational trainings open to the general public, as well as, professionals. The Child Advocacy Program will be hosting a workshop open to the general public on November 11th at 6:00 pm via Zoom on "How to Connect with Your Children." Lastly, we serve our clients 24 hours per day using our 24 hour DV Hotline.

The Childcare Center, Early Learning and After School Programs were

the YW staff prepared/assembled and delivered to each family's door 18,134 lunches to children who attend our programs living in Lawrence and Haverhill. Early learning programs held classes via Zoom and virtual learning experiences and keeping in touch with all our school-aged children we believed was vital. Today, programs are held in our buildings at 75% capacity with 68 of our children virtually learning in our classrooms with the use of tablets and laptops. This number increases each day as mandates are slowly being lifted.

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STAY SAFE!