

YWCA IS ON A MISSION

Up to
 YWCA's Holiday Party 6 p.m.
 Saturday, Jan. 6
 YWCA Board Meeting 5:30
 p.m. Thursday,
 Jan. 18
 Can We Talk? How to have
 peaceful
 conversations despite
 disagreements
 7
 p.m.
 Thursday, Jan. 18



County

Weekly Update

January 1, 2018

Tis the Season for Silent Night ... and many peaceful nights to come

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Case Managers Rena McCumiskey and Hailee Bane sort through all of the donations given to YWCA's Domestic Violence Crisis & Prevention Services department this year.

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Reminder: Child care is available during holiday breaks at our North Street site

Childcare sites:
Alexander
Batavia
Le Roy
Oakfield-
Alabama
Pavilion
York



Some of our Adventure Program participants, left, enjoy coloring at YWCA while on school break. The Adventure Program will also be offering child care from 6 am to 6 pm during holidays and school breaks (with a minimum of five children registered).

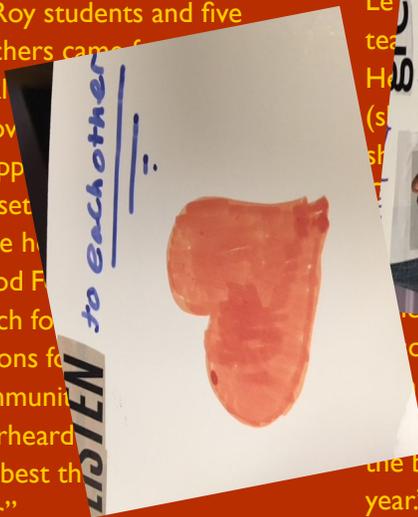
To register, call (585) 343-5808. It's \$6 an hour or \$45 for the entire day.

Our staff is trained in CPR, First Aid and a little TLC.

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Good 1/2/18 - 1/6/18
All That's New Sale at 10-7 Th
My Sister's Closet Boutique!
Find any new items in the shop
and receive 15% off.

10-1 Sat

Enough about us, what about you?

Care+Crisis Helpline Specialist Angela English Of Albion

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A: I sing and am a praise and worship leader at The Lord's House in Waterport.

Q:What is your favorite pastime?

A: Performing Spoken Word in poetry.

(Angela comes from a creative family: brother Eddie is a stand-up comedian and brother Christopher is a musician.)

Q: Favorite ... food?

Homemade applesauce. Color? Silver. Movie? Love and Basketball.

Q:Why did you want this job?

A: Because I like helping people; helping in any way I can and to tell people



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Did you know ...

- That we have a family of five in our Safe House? And that they fled their home because the mom was getting beaten up and feared for the safety of her and her children?
- That donations from several individuals and organizations helped to make the season a little brighter for many domestic violence victims and their families?
- That donations to YWCA help Genesee County women and families live more healthy, successful lives?
- That the Care+Crisis Helpline took 140 Live Chats by the end of November for 2017?
- That more than 500 new victims have been assisted so far this year by Domestic Violence Crisis & Prevention Services staff?
- That no matter what the time, day or season, Care+Crisis Helpline staff is available to take your call or text at (585) 344-4400, Live Chat at ywcagenesee.org or toll-free call at (844) 345-4400?

Caring, Outgoing, Loving, Spontaneous.

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YWCA's mission is to eliminate racism and empower women and the vision is to implement sustainable programs that foster healthy, balanced living for women and families.

Our three primary programs are:



A word from Assistant Executive Director

Joanne Beck

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