YWCA IS ON A MISSION
YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

"Not every YWCA has a pool, but we help women when they feel like they are drowning."

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**Director’s Corner**

2020 is a year full of celebrations, anniversaries, and events that impact all women!

This year marks the YWCA of Genesee County’s 110-Year Anniversary! The following page pays tribute to our founder, Frances G. Francis whose legacy lives on in the work we do every day to eliminate racism and empower women. This momentous occasion definitely deserves a Gala Celebration – and so on September 19, 2020 we invite you all to join us as we pay tribute to our rich history. The Gala Committee is already busy making plans and details will be unveiled as the date gets closer.

2020 is an election year and also the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave some women the right to vote and the 55th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which later expanded voting rights for people of color. Women consistently report significant concerns around sexual harassment, domestic and sexual violence, discrimination, unequal pay, and gun violence. Women have taken these concerns and turned them into action by running for elected positions and turning out at the polls in record numbers. In 1872, Susan B. Anthony tried to vote in the presidential election and was arrested and prosecuted. That same year, Sojourner Truth demanded a ballot and was turned away. The women of the suffrage movement gave everything, including their lives, to give women the right to vote. If you aren’t already registered to vote – now’s the time! Your Voice. Your Vote. Your Future.

The Census will also take place this year beginning in March. This is another opportunity to be counted and heard. The census determines political representation and state and federal funding that helps to provide services to each community. Every person needs to be counted, so please take time to complete the census when you receive it.

The YWCA of Genesee County has been on the forefront of the most critical and pervasive issues that affect women and young girls for 110-years. While our programs may have changed over the years, our mission remains the same – to eliminate racism and empower women. Millie Tomidy-Pepper

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A huge thank you to all of our volunteers, whom without, we would not be able to carry out our mission.

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**OUR 110-YEAR ANNIVERSARY SPONSORS**

Special thanks go out to these terrific businesses for sponsoring the YWCA of Genesee County’s 110-Year Anniversary. Their support helps us to provide vital and lifesaving programs to the community!

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We would not be celebrating the 110-year anniversary of the YWCA with out Frances G. Francis, our founder and first president!

Frances G. Francis was born in 1848, a time when women did not enjoy many of the rights we now take for granted. Women could not own property, they couldn’t vote, and they could not pursue an education or career as we do today. Frances, like all women of that time, lived with these imposed restrictions simply because she was born a woman. At the age of 60, after a lifetime of oppression, Frances knew she wanted to lead the force for change. She envisioned a different life for women, one that empowered them to reach their highest potential and achieve their greatest ambitions.

In the spring of 1909, Frances and several other like-minded women of Batavia decided that an organization was needed to provide for the “spiritual, moral, social and physical condition of women”. They held several meetings to formulate a plan to establish the first women’s organization in Batavia. It is no surprise that their plans were met with a significant amount of resistance from the men of the community, who frankly wanted the women to give up their foolish thoughts and stay home to tend to the house and children. Frances and her comrades persisted! Their collective persistence and grit helped them face seemingly insurmountable challenges. Their determination paid off, and finally on February 2, 1910, the “Batavia YWCA” was signed on as a Charter Member of the National YWCA.

Frances served as president for the first 10 years of the YWCA’s existence and then her older daughter, Alice Judd, followed in her mother’s footsteps as a major figure in the Y’s early history. In fact, in 1960, The Golden Jubilee Anniversary was dedicated to Alice.

We are forever indebted to Frances and her pioneer comrades for having the courage to rise up in the face of adversity and fight for women’s rights. Their legacy lives on as we celebrate the YWCA of Genesee County’s 110-Year Anniversary!
CENSUS 2020
We All Count

YWCA and the 2020 Census

The 2020 Census is extremely important to us at the YWCA. The census is not just a head count, but determines political representation, allocation of more than $177 billion in state and federal funding to communities across the U.S., and so much more. You, your family, and your community deserve representation and resources.

What is the census?
Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a census to determine the number of people living in the United States.

What will the census ask?
The census asks for basic personal information, such as name, relationship to head of household, gender, age, birthday, Hispanic origin and race, and marital status as a homeowner or renter.

Who gets counted?
Everyone counts. The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place. Everyone person, including babies and children, residing in the household needs to be included on the form in order to be counted.

How do I fill it out?
In March 2020, most households will receive an invitation from the U.S. Census Bureau with instructions to respond. You will have the option to complete the form online, by mail or via phone.

How is census information used?
Census data is used to determine representation in the government, allocate federal funds, create jobs, provide housing, fund K-12 education, prepare for emergencies and build schools, roads, hospitals, libraries, and so much more.

Census and elections
Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

Census and information safety
Federal law protects your census responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. By law your information cannot be shared with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies, or be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits.

Language assistance
Online forms: 12 non-English languages.
Paper forms: English and Spanish. Telecommunications help for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.
Language guides (video and print): 59 non-English languages, including American Sign Language, Braille and large print.

Key Dates 2020
March 12 – 30
An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census will arrive in the mail to your household. Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.

April 1 – 10
You will receive a reminder letter from the U.S. Census Bureau. Or you can call. You will receive a reminder letter.

April 11
National 2020 Census Day
If you have not responded yet:
April 16 – April 30
You will receive a reminder postcard.
April 16 – 17
You will receive a reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
April 20 – 27
A final reminder postcard will arrive before Census Bureau will follow up in person.

Self-response deadline
October 31
Census Bureau delivers count to President.

WE ALL COUNT. EVERYONE.
Participate in the 2020 Census.

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Women’s Empowerment Forum
In Celebration of
International Women’s Day & the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment
March 7, 2020
10 am—4 pm
First Presbyterian Church
300 E. Main Street Batavia, NY
FREE EVENT but registration is required via Eventbrite.com
Come join us and help create a supportive women’s network in the GLOW region.

Morning panel: Thriving more than Surviving: Women, Health, and Safety
Afternoon panel: During Women Do: Challenging Traditional Expectations

Community Resource Fair
Complimentary lunch provided
https://www.eventbrite.com/o/glow-women-rise-2889472055
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The stage is set for women to be a driving force in 2020.

The nation will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave some women the right to vote, and the 55th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which later expanded critical voting rights and protections for people of color.

Women have responded with consistently high levels of voting participation. As we head into 2020, women — particularly women of color — are primed to continue their unprecedented roles as candidates and decisive voting constituencies in city, county, state, and national elections all over America.

Against this backdrop, new data from YWomenVote2020 — YWCA’s 3rd national survey of women in the United States that explores their economic, health, gender-based violence, workplace equity, and racial justice concerns and priorities — finds:

1. Women are highly motivated to raise their voices to advance shared personal and economic security interests in 2020, and overwhelmingly call on policy makers to enact solutions that address their priorities.

2. Despite national political discourse that highlights the country’s divisions, women possess deep alignment and shared interests across age, race, ethnicity, education, and political affiliation.

3. Women expect leaders to take action to protect against sexual harassment, sexual discrimination, and domestic and sexual violence, which remain issues of significant concern.

YWomenVote2020 frames clear expectations among women for Congress and the next presidential administration. With 78% of women anticipating that the 2020 election will impact their lives, and 8-in-10 enthusiastic and almost certain to vote, this report provides a roadmap for candidates who want to win in 2020.

To View the report go to http://online.fliphtml5.com/nbye/zaei/

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When someone walks through our doors, our number one priority is their physical safety and emotional well-being.

There are many different ways the abusive partner can have power and control over their victim including physical, emotional, economic, isolation, sexual, and verbal abuse. We identify each individual's needs and empower them to gain back their independence by providing them with free and confidential services and resources in the community that can help them on their journey to be free from abuse.

Let's take a look back at 2019!

Our Domestic Violence Crisis & Prevention Services Program served a total of 384 new survivors in 2019 and had 1657 total contacts with survivors overall, for a 42% increase in total services! While we strive to increase the amount of survivors served, our ultimate goal is to decrease the amount of those who come back again and assist in breaking the cycle of abuse.

There are many reason victims return back to their abuser, these reasons may include fear, low self-esteem, the inability to be financially independent, or many other reasons that may keep them from leaving. According to national statistics, it takes an average of 7 times for a victim to leave their abuser, before leaving for the last time. Sometimes the abuse escalates to a point that leaving may be the only option for the families that we serve. Our program has an emergency shelter that can house individuals and families fleeing an abusive relationship, left with nowhere to go, for up to 90 days. Last year we provided a total of 1048 nights of safety in our emergency shelter for victims fleeing an abusive relationship. During their stay, we empower our residents to become financially independent and gain back their freedom so that they can maintain a healthy and safe future for themselves and their children.

**Our Services Include:**
- Assistance with Filing a Family Offense Petition to Obtain an Order of Protection
- Assistance with Filing Family Court Petitions
- Court Accompaniment
- Individual Counseling
- Emergency Shelter
- Rights and Options
- Information and Referral
- Prevention Education
- Court Advocacy
- Parenting After Violence
- Legal Aid

Located At:
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The Children’s Center at the Genesee County Courts Facility is one of twenty-nine centers run by non-profit agencies throughout New York State and funded by the New York State Unified Court System. We provide quality care to children six weeks through their 12th birthday, while caregivers attend court proceedings. We offer healthy snacks, crafts, games, and stories. We promote a literacy-rich environment connecting young children with the Imagination Library and a book to go home with after each visit. We provide families with needed resources such as WIC, DSS, DV services, food pantries, or any other connection they may need to make.

We are always looking for volunteers to rock babies and read stories.
Stop in to the YWCA office for an application.

We are always accepting donations of children’s snack items, diapers, wipes, gently used or new clothing, toys, and books.

All information is kept confidential.

The center has been operating for 20 years. The child care providers have many years of experience and are both First Aid & CPR certified, and they maintain 30 plus hours of OCFS trainings. We host quarterly Children’s Center Advisory meetings with representation from court staff, local child care agencies, community parents, and other agencies. Feel free to join us!

A Glance at 2019

In 2019, we served 731 children and 507 families, which is a 14% and 18% increase, respectively, from 2018. We provided a dozen pair of shoes, 28 pairs of gloves, 19 hats, and 10 winter coats to families in need thanks to donations from the United Way and Northgate MOPS. We promoted at home literacy by sharing almost 500 children’s books with our families thanks to the generosity of the Richmond Library and the Kiwanis Club.

2019 was a great year and we look forward to helping more families in our community in 2020. Thank you to all our volunteers, we could not do this without you. Your support is vital to helping all of our families!