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OF GENESEE COUNTY

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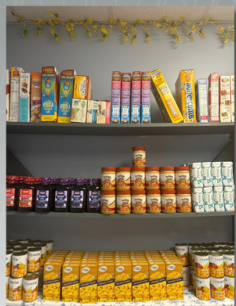
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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For 112 years the YWCA of Genesee County has supported women, children and families in our community. 112 years!! With the exception of a few challenging years, this incredible agency has been a community cornerstone helping thousands of people through education, financial assistance, advocacy and often times, life changing support. We are strong because of the incredible women that have blazed a trail before us and the ones that continue blazing that trail today. We have come a long way, and I believe we should acknowledge our historic challenges; they highlight our resiliency, our commitment to supporting the people in our community and more importantly, the community's love and support for the YWCA.



Looking forward to 2025! The YWCA will continue offering prevention, advocacy and support for domestic violence, child care in the Children's Center in the courts, and quality clothing through My Sister's Closet. Plus!!!! We have added Crisis-Counseling Services and a community food pantry to our list of programs. We are very fortunate to have an amazing team, both staff and board, with a strong focus on community engagement and the intersectionality of services. The YWCA is strong, but we can't do what we do without each of you and without our partnerships in the community. Domestic Violence does not discriminate, it affects seniors/aging, LGBTQ+, people with intellectual/developmental disabilities, people with substance disorders and many more. Survivors are found in every walk of life. We must be there to assure their voice is heard and they are given every opportunity to live a happy, fulfilling life, free from fear and violence. Thank you so much for being a member of our community and for your support. Please consider donating to our 2024 Annual Appeal so we can continue to grow our programs and offer more services to the community.

In Great Appreciation,
Jamie Rada

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IMPACTS MILLIONS OF PEOPLE EACH YEAR, BUT IT CAN BE PREVENTED. IT REQUIRES THE COLLECTIVE VOICE AND POWER OF US ALL – EACH WHOSE “ONE THING” ADDS A VALUABLE AND POWERFUL COMPONENT TO TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITIES.

WHAT IS **#1THING** YOU CAN DO TO ADDRESS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

Host a lunch and learn: Bring the YWCA to your office, church or organization to learn about domestic violence.

NEVER victim blame: Abuse is never the victim’s fault. As a society, we continue to place blame on victims by asking, “What did she do to deserve that?” or, “Why was she there?” We must stop asking these questions of domestic violence and sexual assault survivors.

Get Involved: Write a letter to your local legislator.

Hold offenders accountable: Community accountability can make a significant impact.

Challenge widely-held perceptions about domestic violence: Misconceptions about domestic violence persist—such as “she can just leave”, heterosexual women are the only victims, domestic violence is only physical violence, or it is a family matter.

Voice that domestic violence is an intersectional issue:

Domestic violence does not happen in a vacuum. Survivors have varying backgrounds and varying experiences, compounding the negative impacts and trauma of the abuse.

Communicate that domestic violence is not a

“private, family matter.”: One in three women and 1 in 4 men will be a victim of domestic or sexual violence at some point in her lifetime.

Give Back: Donate or Volunteer at your local YWCA by contacting us at 585-343-5808 or www.ywcagenesee.org



#1THING UNITES OUR INDIVIDUAL VOICES WHILE HIGHLIGHTING THE POWER OF OUR COLLECTIVE ACTION.

WHEN YOU SUPPORT THE
YWCA OF GENESEE COUNTY
YOU IMPACT ALL OF OUR **#1THING's**

ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ARE DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE RACISM, EMPOWER WOMEN AND PROMOTE PEACE, JUSTICE, FREEDOM, AND DIGNITY FOR ALL.

PROGRAMS INCLUDE

- MY SISTERS PANTRY (A COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)
- MY SISTERS CLOSET (HIGH QUALITY SECOND HAND CLOTHING)
- CRISIS COUNSELING (OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION, EDUCATION, SUPPORT, AND CRISIS SERVICES
- RESIDENTIAL SAFE HOUSING FOR SURVIVORS ALONG WITH OTHER SERVICES AND SUPPORTS TO HELP THEM GET BACK ON THEIR FEET
- CHILDREN'S CENTER WITHIN THE COURTS

WHAT WILL MY DONATION SUPPORT?

\$50 PROVIDES CRISIS COUNSELING SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WE SUPPORT AND PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY

\$100 PROVIDES SECURITY CAMERAS AND TECHNOLOGY TO PROTECT SURVIVORS

\$250 PROVIDES ONE MONTH OF HEAT, ELECTRIC AND WATER FOR A FAMILY IN NEED

\$500 PROVIDES FIRST MONTHS RENT FOR A BRAVE SURVIVOR STARTING OVER

\$1,000 PROVIDES GROCERIES FOR APPROXIMATELY 250 PEOPLE FOR ONE MONTH

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