Third Annual YWCA Gala Highlights Services


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Top from left: Lethia Owens, YWCA Board Member Cillah Hall, YWCA CEO Adrian Bracy; Richard and Emily Pitts; Jane Wulf, Co-Chairs Jim and Merry Mosbacher
Middle: YWCA CDO Leslie Holloway, YWCA Board President Kelly Baumer; Emcee Rene Knott; Kristyn Skelly, Gala Speaker Kathy Howard; Kadijia Hayes, YWCA Board Member Julia Mize
Bottom: Doreen Dodson, Drs. Gregg and Sue Berdy; YWCA Board Member Jamie Kwiatek, Dr. Toni Kutchan, Dr. Molly Cline, Mark Halton
Empowering Women with Holistic Supports

In 2019, YWCA Metro St. Louis is celebrating our 115th year of serving women and children in St. Louis! A lot has changed since our formation in 1904 of course, but the basic needs of the women we serve remain the same: Safety, Security and Stability. That is why we offer multiple services - to ensure that we cover all those bases. We learned a long time ago that a woman coming to us for help probably needs help in more than one area.

Yes, we sometimes get asked the question, “Why do you offer so many services?” The answer is simple: “Because our clients need them.”
Each year since 1979, YWCA Metro St. Louis has honored women for their achievements in the workplace and the community at YWCA Leader Lunch. These Leaders are chosen by their peers, women who themselves hold the distinction of being members of the YWCA Academy of Leaders. This year is no different!

We are excited to announce the nine women and our Future Leader, who will be honored in December. We also are bestowing the rarely-given YWCA Lifetime Achievement Award this year as well. Here are the 2019 YWCA Leaders of Distinction and the YWCA Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Mrs. Carol Duhme.

Join us at the 2019 YWCA Leader Lunch on December 12 at St. Louis Union Station. Contact afrey@ywcastlouis.org or 531-1115 for tickets or sponsorship information.
YWCA Volunteers Recognized

Our Domestic Violence-Sexual Assault Response Team is comprised of volunteers who receive 48 hours of training and then share 24/7 call to respond to emergency rooms with support and resources for victims of sexual and/or domestic violence. These dedicated volunteers say the experience of helping others enriches their lives too. Thank you from the YWCA Crisis Intervention staff who work along side the team, our partners in law enforcement and from the 17 area hospitals to which you respond!

YWCA DV-SART Volunteers who were among those recognized for their hours of training and service to victims of domestic and sexual violence. From left: Meghan, Nicole, Allie and Emily

Thank you to Kendra Scott at Plaza Frontenac and to everyone who came out and supported YWCA.

A portion of the proceeds from this fundraiser is helping us provide Safety, Security and Stability to women and their families in St. Louis.

SAVE THE DATE

2019 YWCA Walk A Mile In Her Shoes

September 19th at the Missouri Athletic Club
405 Washington Avenue  St. Louis, MO 63102

VIP Registration: 4:30pm  Registration: 5:00pm
Walk Begins: 6:00pm

For more information go to www.ywcastl.org
Or contact Aimee at afrey@ywcastlouis.org
YWCA in the Community

YWCA CEO Adrian Bracy, Edward Jones Managing Partner Penny Pennington, Centene’s former Chief Administrative & Markets Officer Cindy Brinkley and Colonel Leslie Maher, former Commander, 375th Air Mobility Wing, Scott Air Force Base, 375th AMW, participated in a Women’s History Month panel discussion on leadership held by Focus St. Louis at Edward Jones. They also recommended their favorite books on leadership: “Extreme Ownership”, “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People”, and “The Extraordinary Leader.”

YWCA hosted an enlightening presentation in March by Jill Farmer, pictured here on the left with YWCA Board Member Dr. Simone Cummings. Jill is a life coach and time management expert. She explained how to prioritize what is important vs. what seems urgent and other skills to employ so we are truly productive and not just busy. Her book, “There’s Not Enough Time . . . and other lies we tell ourselves.” is on Amazon and her website is jillfarmer.com if you’d like to sample some of her life lessons!

YWCA CEO Adrian Bracy and YWCA Crisis Intervention Director Samantha Wayant joined STL Live host Sarah Thompson to discuss how YWCA services remove barriers and build lives by tackling violence against women, creating safe places to live, expanding educational opportunities or advocating for racial justice.

They also explained how the upcoming YWCA Walk A Mile In Her Shoes is YWCA mission-aligned as it brings awareness to sexual, domestic and gender violence while encouraging men to become involved in prevention efforts.

View both segments of the program at: https://youtu.be/D1Nh-QMW7tg
https://youtu.be/b5zezCckB64

To receive Eye on Women electronically, go to: www.ywcastl.org
Click on the Connect button and follow directions. Thank You!
Another school year is beginning for the children of YWCA Head Start/Early Head Start, but the program’s Assistant Director is celebrating the end of his own admirable educational journey. This summer Luis Ortiz received his Ph.D. in Philosophy, majoring in Social Work. Dr. Ortiz holds a Master’s Degree in Planning and Statistics, also from the University of Puerto Rico.

Dr. Ortiz joined YWCA Metro St. Louis last year after serving more than a decade in the government of Puerto Rico as the Planning Director for the Administration for Children (Administracion de Familias y Ninos) while holding a dual role as the Auxiliary Administrator on Planning, Evaluation and Development. Congratulations, Dr. Ortiz!

YWCA Head Start Is Hiring!

This is an exciting time of year for schools everywhere, and YWCA Head Start/Early Head Start is no exception. Just as families are looking forward to their children beginning a new phase of their lives in our classrooms, we are busy looking for qualified applicants to add to our wonderful staff!

YWCA Head Start has openings for teacher’s aides, teachers, and more. For a full list of openings at YWCA Head Start and Early Head Start, go to our website at www.ywcastl.org or call the Head Start Central Office at 314 427-4940.

Destiny, a Head Start volunteer who also happens to be hard of hearing, is teaching American Sign Language at the Pagedale Center.

The children learned to sign the alphabet and to count using ASL. Thank you, Destiny!
YWCA Supporter Recognition

Thank You Gala Sponsors!

Gala Kickoff Builds Momentum for the Evening Fundraiser

From left: YWCA Board Chair Kelly Baumer, Board Member Denise Irby; Academy Members Cindy Brinkley, Jane Wulf, YWCA CEO Adrian Bracy, Gala Co-Chair Merry Mosbacher; Academy Members Mil Galvin and Kristen Sorth

Committee On Administration Holds Annual Fashion Show

The Alberta E. Gantt YWCA Valentine Fashion Show is the longest running fundraising event in YWCA history, spanning nearly five decades. It is produced by the Committee on Administration (COA), which is a volunteer group of women employing the name that was used by the governing bodies of the African American branches of YWCA during segregation, including here in St. Louis. Thank you, COA, for your amazing support!

Models walk the runway at the YWCA Alberta E. Gantt Valentine Fashion Show
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3820 West Pine Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108
Administration
Housing
Sexual Assault Services
Domestic Violence Services
Economic Empowerment
Prevention Education
Racial Justice
Main Number: 314.531.1115
Housing Program: 314.533.9400
Drop-In Center 314.645.4848
24 Hour Hotline: 314.531.7273

170 Beltway Drive
St. Louis, MO 63114
Head Start and Early Head Start
Main Number: 314.427.4940

2709-11 Locust St.
St. Louis, MO 63103
Phyllis Wheatley Apartments
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St. Charles, MO 63304
Domestic Violence Services
Main Number: 636.373.7911

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SAVE THE DATE!
YWCA Leader Lunch
Thursday
Dec. 12, 2019
St. Louis Union Station
For tickets or info:
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YWCA Mission:
YWCA Metro St. Louis is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.