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Dear Friends,

This is my eighth annual report as CEO of the YWCA. I am pleased to have this opportunity to share my thoughts on our organization—our successes, challenges, and plans we’re making to ready ourselves for the years ahead.

In 2018, we continued our valuable programming that targets vulnerable women and children in our community. One of our biggest accomplishments this year was the statewide certification of our YES! program by the Indiana Affiliation of Recovery Residences (INARR) as a Level III recovery residence. This designation signifies that YES! meets ethical standards for quality, safety, and accountability. As news of drug and alcohol abuse continues to infuse national headlines, this recognition by INARR is a testament to the value our program provides to the Evansville area.

As we look for innovative ways to introduce new subject matter and career information to our young Live Yers participants, we broadened our after-school activities on a variety of STEM topics, including microbiology, meteorology, and Earth Day projects. One hugely popular activity was our celebration of National Engineers Week, which brought three local professional women to the YW to volunteer with our girls for a circuitry project and to talk with them about future careers in STEM. Engineers Week, which brought three local professional women to the YW to volunteer with our girls for a circuitry project and to talk with them about future careers in STEM, was the first session held in late 2018 and concentrated on often underrepresented in STEM fields in our society.

In 2018, we celebrated our 94th anniversary in our distinctive, historic building. Constructed in 1924, these walls have seen many lives transformed over the years. (Read about the rich history of our facility in the pages that follow.) Wear and tear, however, has taken a toll on our structure, and one of the biggest challenges of the year was to address these matters while still providing uninterrupted services for our clients. Many members of our caring community—including one anonymous donor who contributed $50,000—helped us raise funds for one of our most critical needs, a new roof. As this annual report goes to print, a date has been set for the start-up of this major project, among others, so that we can continue to offer our services in a top-notch facility.

As we enter 2019, the YWCA remains committed to identifying community needs and our role in providing effective programming to address the most pressing issues that fall within our mission. To that end, a committee has been assembled to begin work on a new strategic plan that will move us into the years ahead with a clear picture of our how we envision our community and the part we can realistically play in making improvements in the lives of clients.

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clients learned about cooking on a budget and each went home with her own crockpot thanks to volunteers from the Junior League of Evansville.

YWCA supporters and University of Evansville students Gina DeLise, Alexandra Curren, and Sierra Miller rally for equal opportunities for women. These YES...

Pictured above: Jennifer Moore, Lydia Moll, Kassandra Milotello, Lindsey Miller, Anne McKim, Amanda Marksberry, Amanda Lynn, and Alex Johnson.

Pictured left to right: Shannon Aleksandr’s Salon Stylists, YES! Program Alumni.

Our History
Albion Fellows Bacon and her friends from Trinity Methodist Church established the YWCA of Evansville in 1911 to address the urgent need for clean, safe and affordable housing for women who were coming from the countryside and outlying towns to Evansville for employment in mills and factories. From its inception, the YWCA has always provided housing and other services for women. It has altered its programs over the years to meet the changing needs of women in our area.

Current supportive housing programs include a Domestic Violence Shelter, Emergency Housing Program, and a Residential Recovery Program. In addition, the YW serves at-risk girls in grades 3-12 through the Live Y’ers after-school and mentoring program which culminates in college scholarships to graduating seniors and continuing students. YWCA also offers public programs promoting racial justice and economic empowerment.
Many of these girls have no adult role models, and only 37% live in a two-parent household. YWCAs dedicated staff and mentors also help prepare girls for academic success after high school. Most of the girls who go on to college are first generation college students. Each year, the YWCAs’ Berkley Ann Brannon Young Women’s Promise Scholarship Program helps graduates of the Live Y’ers program attend college. Through the scholarship program, our staff is able to maintain regular contact with the girls as they navigate their new college life.

Our shelter is almost always full, and the needs of our clients are great. In addition to homelessness, most of our clients face unemployment, lack of support network, extreme poverty, and a lack of education that prevents them from being able to support their children. 53% of the clients who entered this program in 2018 earned less than $15,000 per year. Each year, hundreds of victims in our area find the courage to leave their abusive homes for the shelter and services provided by the YWCA. While mothers work through the healing process, we tutor their children and provide play therapy. An on-site legal advocate helps both in shelter and out-of-shelter clients with legal issues and maneuvering through the court system. If there is no room in the shelter, we provide services to women who are homeless due to reasons other than domestic violence. We also run a 24/240/240-days crisis hotline.

In 2018, the YWCA domestic violence shelter and emergency housing program provided 4,678 nights of safe shelter to 123 unprivileged adults and 60 unprivileged children. Our compassionate and dedicated staff provided 525 counseling sessions. Our legal advocate provided 360 services to 112 victims of domestic violence helping create safety plans, secure orders of protection or navigate the criminal justice system. We responded to 2,661 calls on our 24-hour crisis and referral hotline.

In 2018, the YWCA opened our area’s first domestic violence shelter in 1979. We provide services on a 24/24/24/24 days basis. While clients and their children are under our roof, we provide necessities such as food, clothing, and personal care items so that they can concentrate on stabilizing their lives. Through support groups, counseling and case management, we help victims better understand the dynamics and cycle of violence so they can make informed decisions for themselves and strive toward the ultimate goal of violent-free relationships.

In 2018, Live Y’ers served 201 at-risk girls. The program is offered to girls in grades 6-8 attending Glenwood Leadership Academy and Ledgeview Community School, both Title I schools, where approximately 90% of participants enrolled at Bosse graduated compared to Bosse’s overall graduation rate of 86%.

The after-school sessions we hold for Live Y’ers are many and varied. With feedback from school staff, we offer enriching activities pertaining to a target of subject matter, including health, age-appropriate sex education, decision making, bullying, and peer pressure. Field trips, speakers, and classes on specific life skills and career exploration take place. Cultural opportunities allow the girls to expand their knowledge. The programs are an addition to the supplement to the education these girls receive at school, as well as a tool to enrich the experiences of girls whose opportunities may be limited.

RACIAL JUSTICE

YWCA knows that in order to lead the charge against racism, we must also set the example within our own organization. In 1946 YWCA began working for integration through the entire national organization adopting an “intercultural charter” that stated “wherever there is injustice on the basis of race, whether in the community, the nation, or the world, our protest must be clear and our labor for its removal, vigorous, and steady.” That work culminated in the addition of the “elimination of racism” to our mission statement in 1970. It is our goal to foster opportunities to engage in open dialog about race and racism, increase awareness, build coalitions, and transform inequities.

In 2018 we partnered with University of Evansville to present the 7th annual Stand Against Racism. Activities included anti-bias training, panel discussions, question and answer presentations. Former speaker Robert Jackson, and a diverse group of community members standing together to take the pledge against racism.

Live Y’ers

The programs are both a supplement to the education these girls receive at school, as well as a tool to enrich the experiences of girls whose opportunities may be limited. We are part of a national trend. The teen birth rate has been declining over the past ten years. The Live Y’s pregnancy rate in 2018 was 0% and has consistently been at 0% for many years.

In addition to after-school programming and beginning in 6th grade, girls are paired with an adult mentor who meets with them at least once a month to act as a role model, sounding board and coach. They continue their relationship in the addition of 12th grade. This long-term relationship is unique and provides continuity to the lives of our participants.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & EMERGENCY HOUSING

The after-school activities, having positive attitudes toward school, and expecting to graduate from high school were all significantly higher in Live Y’ers participants enrolled at Bosse compared to Bosse’s overall graduation rate of 86%.

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The YWCA also has an ongoing commitment - truly, a mandate of our mission - to provide leadership development opportunities to women and girls.

YWCA supports women’s economic empowerment and a work-life-family primary agenda. Women comprise more than half of today’s workforce. One in 4 women are now sole or primary breadwinners for their families. An overwhelming majority of mothers with children under 18 years of age are working. Women of color are disproportionately represented in minimum-wage industries that lack basic workplace protections. There is no doubt that women are central to the economic well-being for their families and play a critical role in our nation’s economic prosperity. Despite this, 21st-century workplace policies are out-of-date and do not adequately support a woman’s ability to balance work-family demands. All women and their families would benefit from family-friendly policies such as paid sick days, an increase in the minimum wage, and fair scheduling practices.

In 2018, we again partnered with Ivy Tech Community College to raise awareness about pay equity through our Equal Pay Day activities. This date in April represents how far into the year women must work in order to earn what men earned in the previous year. According to the most recent statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau, the median earnings for U.S. women working full time, year-round were just 80% of U.S. men’s median earnings – a gap of 20%. Women in Indiana is even worse than the national average with women earning just 73% of what men earn. 2018 activities included male community leaders wearing ‘Sirou ‘Trout’ lemonade’ at a 20% discount to women and The Unhappy Hour event featuring comedians Rachael Goldberg and speakers Venetia Becker (In State Senator), Jeanae Breaux (In State Senator), Siobhan Stanwix (YWCA Board Member), and Erin Mace (In Center for Working Families).

BERKLEY ANN BRANSON YOUNG WOMEN OF PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

One of Evansville’s most promising young women is memorialized in this scholarship bearing her name. Created in 2001, the Berkley Ann Branson Young Women of Promise Scholarship Fund was created to further the vocational goals of other promising young women that graduate from the Live Y’ers program. Each October, the YWCA joins a national movement to bring attention to the cycle of violence and the effects of violence on children, we also display The Clothesline Project, where survivors are empowered through artistic expression by decorating T-shirts with messages about pain, courage, and survival. Through the YWCA, there are small local partnerships, like the Listening Library, which also provides a popular activity, where a number of schools, community organizations and businesses chalk the sidewalks in our local area with facts and statistics about domestic violence.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Each October, the YWCA joins a national movement to bring attention to the problem of domestic violence. In addition to free community presentations about the cycle of violence and the effects of violence on children, we also display The Clothesline Project, where survivors are empowered through artistic expression by decorating T-shirts with messages about pain, courage, and survival. Up to 6,000 people attend, and it is also a popular activity, where a number of schools, community organizations and businesses chalk the sidewalks in our local area with facts and statistics about domestic violence.
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The YWCA has a long and rich history of serving women and children in the Evansville area. Much of this history is showcased through the photos that line the first floor hall of the YWCA’s 95-year-old building. These photos show women volunteering, organizing, learning, exercising, dancing, swimming, and always gathering together for a common goal. In this sense, not much has changed at the YWCA. Each day the YWCA strives to improve the lives of women and children through programs and services that empower women to reach their full potential. Over the years, the YWCA has grown from humble beginnings as a residential facility, evolving into a social service agency to fit the needs of women in our community. Although programs and services have changed, the parallels to today’s needs are evident as we reminisce on the past and dream of future endeavors.

In Evansville, the YWCA began as a Working Girls Association when Albion Fellows Bacon became troubled by the lack of acceptable housing options for working women. Safe and affordable housing was offered to women and girls (same as young as 14) who were moving to Evansville to work in the cotton mills, cigar factories, laundries, and other industries. In 1911, this venture officially joined the national organization to become the Young Women’s Christian Association of Evansville, Indiana. Mrs. Bacon and other volunteers felt this decision would stabilize their project and add validity to its endeavor.

Roberta Stahl became the first “General Secretary” (now known as an executive director or CEO) of the YWCA which offered ten double rooms as permanent residents for $3.50 a month in addition to a dormitory for short-term stays. As the organization grew, the board identified the need for more night opportunities for residents and began offering physical exercise classes, leisure activities, inexpensive and nutritious lunches, as well as life skills and educational programs.

In 1924 the cornerstone was laid for the YWCA’s current building at 118 Vine Street. The new building allowed for the expansion of services with additional residential rooms and meeting spaces. In 1979 as the need for a residence program diminished, the YWCA opened the area’s first domestic violence shelter which still serves the community today. In 2001, the YWCA again responded to an unmet community need in establishing the YES! (YWCA Embracing Sobriety) program (formerly the Transition Housing-Recovery Program) to provide women in recovery a safe place to rebuild their lives.

In 1914, the YWCA recognized another community need and organized a Candle Lighter Club for grade school girls and a Fireside Girls Club for high school girls. Public school teachers volunteered as advisors at their schools to discuss social concerns, personal relationships, vocational opportunities, and exposure to art, sports, and cultural events. In 1935 the organization made a request that the name Girls Reserves be authorized by the national YWCA. They continued to hold special events such as teas, induction ceremonies, and mother/daughter banquets and produced skits and plays, attended summer camp, and traveled to city, regional, and national meetings. In 1946, the name was again changed to Y-Teens and programs grew to over 1600 total members locally. By the 1980s the local Y-Teen clubs ended as schools began offering increased extra-curricular activities.

In 1992, the YWCA would again embark on youth development with the creation of the Live Y’ers after-school and mentoring program. Girls in Live Y’ers enjoy similar activities as past participants in both Girls Reserves and Y-Teens, but the program is tailored to fit the needs of local youth.

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6 The second and current YWCA Evansville building. 7 Past YWCA members enter the front doors of the Vine Street building.

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The 8th Annual Legacy of Style fashion show and luncheon was the culmination of the work and generosity of many individuals. Fashionable volunteer models showcased clothing from The Vault Luxury Resale and Banana Republic Factory Store, as well as jewelry from The Diamond Galleria. An extensive array of silent and live auction items generated much interest among the guests as did the debut of the Diamond in the Rough oval hoop earrings. Proceeds from this annual event support the Berkley Ann Bramson Young Women of Promise Scholarship and other YWCA programs.

The 8th Annual Tastes and Treasures Holiday Luncheon was held at the Evansville Country Club, and many guests arrived early to shop at the vendor boutique featuring the festive merchandise of several women-owned businesses. The first Diamond in the Rough drawing was a memorable moment for guests as a lucky community member won the $15,000 diamond oval hoop earrings. Proceeds from this annual event support YWCA programs.

FITNESS PROGRAMS
The YWCA continues to offer one-hour 50+ exercise classes by a certified fitness instructor. Age-appropriate strength and cardio moves ensure the suitability of this class for all fitness levels. Other community groups also enjoy the YWCA gymnasium for private fitness classes and sports activities.
The YWCA Embracing Sobriety (YES!) program was established in 2001 to meet the growing need for services for homeless women who have the desire to live without the crutch of drugs and alcohol. YES! is a three-phased, structured residential program. Clients must complete detoxification and treatment and agree to comply with the guidelines of the program, which include completing an Individual Development Plan to set personal goals, attending AA/NA meetings, securing a sponsor, following up on referrals for services, submitting to random testing, and securing employment.

Our primary goal is to get women to live substance-free and move into permanent housing. We have provided housing and services to several pregnant women who gave birth to drug-free babies while participating in this program.

In 2018, YES! provided approximately 9,337 nights of safe shelter to 73 unduplicated women and 52 children. 88% of the women completing this program earn $15,000 or less per year. 76% had no income at all upon entry. For those women who stayed in the program at least 90 days: 88% were employed or receiving SSI. The ultimate goal of the program is for clients to learn to live substance-free and move into permanent housing. We have provided housing and services to several pregnant women who gave birth to drug-free babies while participating in this program.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Support groups are open to all victims of domestic violence regardless of whether they live in our shelter. Concurrent groups for children are scheduled so that we may address the needs of children exposed to domestic violence.

YES! RESIDENTIAL RECOVERY PROGRAM

The YWCA's Domestic Violence Awareness Women’s Network was established in 2001 to provide leadership development opportunities to women and girls.

YWCA supports women’s economic empowerment and a work and family friendly agenda. Women comprise more than half of today’s workforce. One in four women are now self-employed or primary breadwinners for their families. An overwhelming majority of mothers with children under 18 years of age are working. Women of color are overrepresented in wage and income inequalities that lack basic workplace protections. There is no doubt that women are central to the economic well-being for their families and play a critical role in our nation’s economic prosperity. Despite this, 21st-century workplace policies are out-of-date and do not adequately support a woman’s ability to balance work-family demands. All women and their families would benefit from family-friendly policies such as paid sick days, an increase in the minimum wage, and fair scheduling practices.

In 2019, we again partnered with Ivy Tech Community College to raise awareness about pay equity through our Equal Pay Day activities. This date in April represents how far into the year women must work in order to earn what men earned in the previous year. According to the most recent statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau, the median earnings for U.S. women working full time, year-round were just 80% of U.S. men’s median earnings -- a gap of 20%. Women in Indiana is even worse than the national average with women earning just 73% of what men earn. 2018 activities included male community leaders serving “ Sour Truth” lemonade at a 20% discount to women and The Unhappy Hour event featuring comedians Rachael Goldman and speakers Vaneta Becker (IN State Senator), Jeanne Breaux (IN State Senator), Sisanie Stanwyck (YWCA Board Member), and Erin Macney (IN Center for Working Families).

BERKLEY ANN BRANSON YOUNG WOMEN OF PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

One of Evansville’s most promising young women is memorialized in this scholarship bearing her name. Created in 2001, the Berkley Ann Branson Young Women of Promise Scholarship Fund was created to further the vocational goals of other promising young women that graduate from the Live Y’s program. Over the years, many have been inspired to establish additional named scholarships to honor their loved ones. In 2018, $30,000 in scholarships were awarded to seven young women graduating from Bosse High School and continuing scholarships were awarded to 12 young women continuing their studies. Since 2002, over $355,000 has been awarded by the YWCA to 314 Live Y’s graduates, in addition to 426 continuing scholarships.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Each October, the YWCA joins a national movement to bring attention to the problem of domestic violence. In addition to free community presentations about the cycle of violence and the effects of violence on children, we also display The Clothesline Project, where survivors are empowered through artistic expression by decorating T-shirts with messages about parity, courage, and survival. The “Fight Your Battle, Uplift Our Community” campaign is also a popular activity, where a number of schools, community organizations and businesses chalk the sidewalks in our local area with facts and statistics about domestic violence.
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In 2018, Live Y’ers served 201 at-risk girls. The program is offered to girls in grades 3-8 attending Glenwood Leadership Academy and Lodge Community School, both Title I schools, where approximately 90% of families are eligible for free or reduced lunch. Roughly 76% of our participants represent racial minorities. Most of our young Live Y’ers move on to Evansville’s Bosse High School, where they may continue in our program through high school graduation. In 2018, 100% of our participants enrolled at Bosse graduated compared to Bosse’s overall graduation rate of 86%.

The after-school sessions we hold for Live Y’ers are many and varied. With feedback from school staff, we offer enriching activities pertaining to a array of subject matter, including health, age-appropriate sex education, decision making, bullying, and peer pressure. Field trips, speakers, and classes on specific life skills and career exploration take place. Cultural opportunities allow the girls to expand their knowledge. The programs are a supplement to the education these girls receive at school, as well as a tool to enrich the experiences of girls whose opportunities may be limited.

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YWCA supporters and University of Evansville students Gina DeLise, Alexandra Curren, and Sierra Miller rally for equal opportunities for women. These YES! students. YWCA also offers public programs promoting racial justice and economic empowerment.

After-school and mentoring program which culminates in college scholarships to graduating seniors and Residential Recovery Program. In addition, the YW serves at-risk girls in grades 3-12 through the Live Y’ers and outlying towns to Evansville for employment in mills and factories. From its inception, the YWCA has always addressed the urgent need for clean, safe and affordable housing for women who were coming from the country needs of women in our area.

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Our executive director, Davena Day, is a long-time supporter of the YWCA's mission and has dedicated her career to helping women in our community. She has been a driving force behind many of the YWCA's programs and initiatives, and her leadership has helped the organization achieve significant growth over the years.

The YWCA's financial report shows that the organization has a strong financial foundation, with a healthy mix of revenue sources including program fees, grants, and special events. The organization is also committed to financial stewardship and has implemented a number of cost-saving measures to ensure its sustainability.

Our financial report demonstrates the YWCA's commitment to financial transparency and accountability. The board of directors is proud of our organization's achievements and looks forward to continuing our work to support women in our community.
Dear Friends,

This is my eighth annual report as CEO of the YWCA. I am pleased to have this opportunity to share my thoughts on our organization—our successes, challenges, and plans we’re making to ready ourselves for the years ahead.

In 2018, we continued our valuable programming that targets vulnerable women and children in our community. One of our biggest accomplishments this year was the statewide certification of our YES! program by the Indiana Affiliation of Recovery Residences (INARR) as a Level III recovery residence. This designation signifies that YES! meets ethical standards for quality, safety, and accountability. As news of drug and alcohol abuse continues to inflame national headlines, this recognition by INARR is a testament to the value our program provides to the Evansville area.

As we look for innovative ways to introduce new subject matter and career information to our young Live Y’ers participants, we broadened our after school activities on a variety of STEM topics, including microbiology, meteorology, and Earth Day projects. One hugely popular activity was our celebration of National Engineers Week, which brought together local professional women to the YW to volunteer with our girls at a circuitry project and to talk with them about future challenges. As I look back on 2018, one client’s words stand out in my mind: “I’m so thankful for all the blessings that have come into my life since being at the YWCA.” I find this statement to be an affirmation of the hard work we do on a daily basis to benefit the lives of others. We salute you, our supporters, for having made this success story and many others like it a reality for our clients during the past year. Please know that your continued support of our organization is pivotal to our future. We are grateful to live in a community that compassionately uplifts its most vulnerable citizens.

Your partner in eliminating racism and empowering women,

Erika N. Taylor

In 2018, we celebrated our 94th anniversary in our distinctive, historic building. Constructed in 1924, these walls have seen many lives transformed over the years. (Read about the rich history of our facility in the pages that follow) Wear and tear, however, has taken a toll on our structure, and one of the biggest challenges of the year was to address these matters while still providing uninterrupted services for our clients. Many members of our caring community—including one anonymous donor who contributed $50,000—helped us raise funds for one of our most critical needs, a new roof. As this annual report goes to print, a date has been set for the start-up of this major project, among others, so that we can continue to offer our services in a top-notch facility.

As we enter 2019, the YWCA remains committed to identifying community needs and our role in providing effective programming to address the most pressing issues that fall within our mission. To that end, a committee has been assembled to begin work on a new strategic plan that will move us into the years ahead with a clear picture of our how we envision our community and the part we can realistically play in making improvements in the lives of clients. Without Violence to raise awareness about the devastating effects of domestic violence.

2019 upcoming EVENTS

Stand Against Racism - April 25, 2019
The YWCA invites those who believe in a society free of racism to join us and hundreds of thousands of citizens across the country in taking a stand against racism. A variety of activities are planned.

30th Annual YWCA Tribute to Achievement - May 2, 2019 - Evansville Country Club - 5:30 PM
The YWCA presents the 30th Annual Tribute to Achievement honoring an individual who has made an impact in the community in the areas of women and girl’s empowerment, education and philanthropy.

YWCA's Economic Empowerment series featuring Financial Advisors, Tricia Hollander Henning and Tera Hollander Albin, providing useful tips on planned giving, endowments, charitable annuities, etc. No sales pitch! Lunch is provided. Seating is limited.

Women’s Equality Day Luncheon - August 23, 2019 - Old National Events Plaza
A celebratory luncheon and keynote address commemorating the 99th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting women the right to vote.

The 19th Annual YWCA Legacy of Style Luncheon - September 18, 2019 - Old National Events Plaza - 10:30 AM
Kick off the fall season with Evansville’s premiere fashion show and luncheon, now in its 19th year, benefitting the YWCA programs and the Berkley Ann Branson Young Women of Promise Scholarship Fund.

The Clothesline Project - October 1 - 31, 2019 - YWCA
October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Clothesline Project bears witness to violence against women. Each shirt is designed by a survivor herself to represent her personal experience. The shirts are then hung on clotheslines to be viewed by others during the month of October as a testimony to the problem of violence against women.

Chalk it Up to Awareness - October 1 - 31, 2019 - Communitywide Locations
October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Chalk it Up is a community-wide campaign where community partners create awareness about domestic violence using sidewalk chalk to draw images, facts and statistics about domestic violence. If your school, group, or business is interested in participating, contact the YWCA.

YWCA Week Without Violence - October 14-18, 2019 - Communitywide Locations
Each year, YWCA friends, partners, and supporters across the country come together in the 3rd week of October for a Week Without Violence to raise awareness about the devastating effects of domestic violence.

Wi$e Up: “Year-End Planning and Charitable Gifting Strategies” - November 12, 2019 - YWCA - 11:30 AM
YWCA’s Economic Empowerment series featuring Financial Advisors, Tricia Hollander Henning and Tera Hollander Albin, providing useful tips on year-end giving. 529 plan contributions for tax credit, maxing out 401 k, Roth conversions, etc. No sales pitch! Lunch is provided. Seating is limited.

9th Annual YWCA “Tastes and Treasures” Holiday Luncheon - November 21, 2019 - 10:30 a.m. - Evansville Country Club
Celebrate the holiday season and support the YWCA at the same time! Guests will enjoy a delicious lunch as well as a holiday gift boutique showcasing local merchants.

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