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Donor Spotlight

Pictured left to right, top to bottom: Employees at Conduent Services Company in Evansville pooled their resources and donated 25 backpacks to YWCA children. The packs were filled with an assortment of school supplies to get the youngsters off to a great start for the school year. ■ Repre- sentatives from the Community Foundation Alliance and the Warrick grants committee recently delivered a generous donation for the YWCA’s YES! sober living program. Nearly 13% of YES! clients come from Warrick County each year. The money will be used to assist these clients in living healthy, safe, and sober lives. ■ Linda Baker (far right) and Lesa Holstine (second from right) recently held the first of a series of quarterly book club sessions for our residential clients. The volunteers, employees of the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library system, shared some of their favorite books with the ladies and also discussed some new titles that have just been published. Upon conclusion of the enthusiastic session, the books were donated to our client library so that others can experience the joy of reading. ■ The YWCA’s Bosse House, where high school Live Y’ers girls receive services, is getting a much-needed interior facelift due to the generosity of the Rotaract Club of Evansville. Rotaract is a group of young professionals in the Evansville community that performs service activities related to social issues. The Bosse House makeover is the club’s signature project for the year. The group recently held a lively Fiesta Night event, featuring a taco bar, silent auction, and a half pot—all to raise funds for this project. We are very appreciative of this energetic group of community volun- teers. ■ When her local high school didn’t offer a service club for girls, Poseyville resident Macee Long decided to start her own! Women Empowering Women was born from Macee’s desire to help other females reach their full poten- tial. The group’s offer to help the YWCA came at the perfect time. The Indiana Affiliation of Recovery Residences had recently donated funds for “move out kits” (laundry baskets, detergent, personal care items, etc.) for clients who were leaving our facility to go out on their own. The Women Empowering Women ladies took on the task of organizing the dozens of boxes of items that we received, and they assembled all of the kits. We look forward to partnering with this hard-working group in the future. ■
October is

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

As part of our mission to empower women, YWCA is the largest provider of domestic violence services to survivors in the United States. Each year, YWCA Evansville provides over 3,000 nights of safe shelter for women and children affected by domestic violence, and we truly believe it is time for the violence to end!

Using anti-violence slogans, statistics, and sidewalk chalk, YWCA raises awareness about domestic violence through the annual Chalk It Up to Awareness campaign. This year, our friends at Vectren, A CenterPoint Energy Company kicked off our campaign challenge on October 1st with beautiful artwork and statistics portraying the harsh realities for survivors. Throughout the month, many organizations, schools, and churches participated in this campaign with the goal of filling the sidewalks of every corner of our community with hope for a brighter tomorrow.

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