

ON A MISSION: AN UPDATE FOR YWCA SUPPORTERS



Fall 2019



YWCA Southeastern MA celebrated the completion of our Under One Roof Project with a formal ribbon cutting on Friday, November 8, 2019! Over a decade ago, YWCA SEMA began a campaign to bring programs and services "Under One Roof" and this month the organization celebrated the opening of its 6,550 square foot expansion to the historic YWCA Standish House. The expansion houses two of our programs: Another Woman's Place Residential Program for Women and YWkids School Age Program. This effort would not have been possible without the generous support of numerous donors, supporters, board members, members, volunteers, and staff.

[Click here to read more and see photos of the day!](#)



YWCA Girls Exclusive Program Selected for the Second Annual Human Rights Award!

The YWCA Girls Exclusive Program has been selected to accept the Second Annual Human Rights Award on December 10, 2019 at the annual awards breakfast, hosted by the Human Relations Commission. The program will be receiving this award in the category of youth leadership on a human/civil rights issue. "Their recognition that poverty impedes the dignity and respect of some of their classmates is an example of the best of humanity within their respective age group," write HRC Chairwoman Stella Ribeiro and HRC Executive Director Marcelina Pina-Christian. "This human rights award, under the direction of Jordan Latham, is given for the advocacy work by the YW Girls Exclusive Program to provide dignity and justice to girls within the New Bedford Public Schools through the Justice Flow Project."

YWCA SEMA Honored This Year's "Women of Distinction"

This year's Women of Distinction awardees include Ms. Celia Brito, owner of Celia's Boutique, Ms. Sarah Herman, Head of Our Sisters' School, and Ms. Marlene Pollock, organizer for Coalition for Social Justice. They are joined by this year's Spirit of Leadership Award Winners, the YWCA Girls Exclusive Program, as well as the winner of the Yvonne M. Drayton Award winner, Ms. Jane Gonsalves. Lastly, for only the second time in the awards' history, three men were recognized as "Men of Distinction": Mayor Jonathan Mitchell, Senator Mark Montigny, and Representative Antonio Cabral.



[Click here](#) to see more photos of our celebration!



2019 Week Without Violence

This October for Week Without Violence, YWCA Southeastern MA partnered with Bristol Community College's Women's Center, UMass Dartmouth's Center for Women, Gender, & Sexuality, The Women's Center of New Bedford, and Global Learning Charter Public School to co-host five events across New Bedford and Dartmouth. It was truly wonderful to see so many individuals and organizations working together to raise awareness about supporting survivors and ending sexual and domestic violence, all with a common goal in mind: together, we can one day end gender-based violence.

YWCA staff displayed the Clothesline Project at Bristol Community College's New Bedford Campus and at UMass Dartmouth. T-shirts that are designed and decorated by women and children survivors of violence, as well as by loved ones of those who face abuse, were hung on display for students, faculty and staff to view and reflect on. At Global Learning Charter Public School in New Bedford, students took turns reading and signing the Week Without Violence Pledge.



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YWkids

School Age Childcare Program

BRAND NEW CHILDCARE CENTER

OPENINGS NOW FOR AFTERSCHOOL

BENEFITS OF YWCA CHILDCARE INCLUDE:

- EEC Licensed Program
- Quality childcare for over 25 years
- Income eligible slots & PACE voucher slots
- Private pay rates of \$19 afterschool / \$38 full day
- Educational, creative activities, and field trips
- Healthy, balanced snacks
- Attractive, brand-new classrooms & diverse curriculum
- Care is provided by qualified, caring, experienced staff

Contact Andrea Davidson
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and see what the YW has to
offer your child and your
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Childcare Slots Available at YWkids!

Enroll your school-age child in YWkids today! The new, state-of-the-art YWkids center at 20 South Sixth St. in New Bedford is specifically designed for age-appropriate educational activities for children ages 5-13, including 3 classrooms with Chromecast technology, a kitchen, staff offices, a reading nook, and an outdoor play space with basketball hoop. Licensed by the MA Department of Early Education and Care (EEC), the YWkids School Age Program serves families in need of quality care for their children.

Residential Program Accepting Applications

YWCA Southeastern MA is currently accepting applications for our Residential Services Program for low-income women age 18 and over. Please click [here](#) to download an application in English, or call Tanisha Ferrer at (508) 999-3255 for an application in Spanish or Portuguese.

visit our website to learn more!

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Residential Services

20 South Sixth St.
New Bedford, MA 02740

NEW SINGLE ROOM UNITS AVAILABLE!

YWCA Residential Services is currently accepting applications, which are available online at www.ywcasema.org and at YWCA Standish House, 20 South Sixth St., New Bedford, MA 02740, Mon - Fri 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

YWCA Southeastern MA provides residential and supportive services for low-income women 18 years or older who are employed, volunteering, attending school full time, or a combination of both. Rent is determined based on income. Amenities include:

- A safe, clean, and secure fully-furnished and accessible bedroom.
- Shared bathroom.
- Access to multiple common area rooms that include on-site laundry, wifi, cable, and local phone service.
- Use of a fully equipped shared kitchen.
- Free Membership to a nationally recognized women's organization.
- Supportive environment and well-maintained facility.
- Units are walking distance to SRTA bus terminal and downtown New Bedford.

Interested in learning more? Free translation available. For MassRelay, dial 711. Please contact Tanisha Ferrer (508) 999-3255 / tferrer@ywcasema.org or visit the YWCA Standish House, 20 South Sixth St., New Bedford, MA 02740, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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YWCA SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

Annual Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019 AT 6:30 PM

THE WAYPOINT EVENT CENTER
185 MACARTHUR DRIVE
NEW BEDFORD MA, 02740

THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for our
17th Annual Red Dress Event

Thursday, February 27, 2020 at
5:30 pm
Century House
107 South Main Street
Acushnet, MA, 02743



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Click here to make a donation
this #GivingTuesday!

Mark your Calendars for Giving Tuesday 12/3/19!

#GivingTuesday is a global giving movement that has been built by individuals, families, organizations, businesses and communities in all 50 states and in countries around the world. People are coming together to support and champion the causes they believe in and the communities in which they live. We have two days for getting deals - Black Friday and Cyber Monday. On Giving Tuesday, we have a day for **giving back**. Giving Tuesday is the opening day of the giving season: a reminder of the **"reason for the season."** Together, people are creating a new ritual for our annual calendar. You can give time or expertise, monetary donations large or small, simple acts of kindness, food/products or clothing. Email Jordan Latham at jlatham@ywcasema.org or click on the link to

make a donation today!

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS & FAMILY

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