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### **Message from the Board President**

Dear Supporters and Donors,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I'd like to thank you for being a part of our YWCA family. As I sit down to write this message to you, we are preparing for a free community event for #UntilJusticeJustIs. Previously called "Stand Against Racism", this year's event has been renamed. At YWCA we believe it is time to be more inclusive in our language and our events. This annual campaign is designed to build community among those who work for racial justice and raise awareness about the impact of institutional racism. We will have community members and collaborating agencies discuss the intersectionality of these inequities in the areas of Housing, Mental Health, Disabilities and the Music Industry. Unfortunately, this event was cancelled, and we hope to bring another free community event to fruition in the coming year. While this campaign was from April 17th to May 15th, all of the staff here at the YWCA work for justice, eliminating racism and empowering women through our many successful programs throughout the year. Every day they are improving the lives of women and children in need in our community. Our Mission Impact Director has been instrumental in planning racial justice awareness and education for staff and the board.

None of the work of the YWCA would be possible without the stellar direction of our Executive Director, Carole Coppens. As the Girl Scout Woman of the Year for 2022, her outstanding leadership is well recognized in our community, and we are so fortunate to have her.

With your continued support, volunteering and donations, we are able to advance our mission. Your support is critical to the expansion of our services with our Intergenerational Campus Project. This project will provide affordable housing for domestic violence survivors, frail elderly and triple our childcare capacity. We cannot address the issues our community faces without you. Thank you again for your support.

Charlotte Kramer
YWCA Board President

### Message from the Executive Director

What a year the YWCA just had. During the last 12 months, we opened three new housing programs as well as purchased five properties located on Lisle and Carroll Street, two blocks away from our building! This will become the YWCA Intergenerational Campus comprised of 68 units of affordable housing and a state of the art childcare center. Within the affordable housing units, 34 will be dedicated to Domestic Violence Survivors. The rest will house individuals who meet the eligibility criteria. The campus will more than double the childcare capacity from 45 to 98 slots. There will be plenty of parking, playgrounds and green spaces. Work has begun on securing the funding needed for construction which is projected to start in 2025 and be ready for occupancy in 2026. The City of Binghamton and NYS Legislature have provided the initial funding we used to purchase the properties located at 45 Carroll Street and 34, 24, 22, and 20 Lisle Street. Stay tuned as this project becomes a reality! Our work in racial justice continues with our new Mission Impact Director, Jabari Randolph. She is working with YWCA employees to strengthen that work throughout all our programming as well as integrating that work in the community connecting and collaborating with individuals, groups and agencies anchoring it all with the YWCA USA UNTIL JUSTICE JUST IS ongoing initiative.

A very big shout out to all our donors and sponsors without whom none of this would be possible. There are many volunteers to thank as well, too many to name here, but you all know who you are. The dedication and passion you all exhibit for the YWCA is immense and immeasurable. We will always be grateful to each and every one of you.

Thank you to the hardworking Board members as well as everyone on the YWCA team. I think I am the luckiest person to have the title as Executive Director for the YWCA Binghamton and Broome County.

Carole Coppens
YWCA Executive Director

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# TWCA is Community

### Young Wonders (Early Child Care Center)

### Raising future generations while also enhancing a family's ability to work.

The Young Wonders Early Childhood Centers strives to provide a loving, caring, learning environment where families, children, and staff are given the respect, commitment, and attention that each individual deserves. The center is open year-round from 6:45 – 5:45 offering programs for Infants, Toddlers, Preschool, Pre-K, and School Age.

### 2022 Highlights:

- Continued partnership with the Foster Grandparent Program to receive volunteers in the classrooms.
- Young Wonders continued its participation in the Quality Stars New York
  maintaining its 4 out of 5 star rating. Funding from the program was used to
  bring in high quality trainers to increase professionalism and knowledge.
   Funding was also available to purchase much needed equipment and
  learning materials.
- The continuation of several influential policies such as Primary Caregiving, the Intentional Teacher model for curriculum, the Conscious Discipline model, and participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.
- The center maintained an excellent licensing record with OCFS, receiving minimal violations for the year, many inspections without any noted violations.
- Continued use of the "Helping Hands Scholarship" to assist parents suffering
  from financial difficulty or unable to make child care payments. Multiple families
  were granted assistance. 93% of children attending from Fall 2021 to Spring 2022
  showed measurable improvement on their Developmental Checklists.

### **ENCOREplus (Breast & Cervical Outreach)**

Increasing women's breast and cervical health by focusing on preventative screenings and overall health care.

ENCOREplus is a YWCA breast and cervical health outreach, education & advocacy program focusing all our efforts right here in our community for over 31 years! Breaking down barriers for women to get their annual Breast and Cervical Screenings:

- Over 200 Outreach events a year.
- 17,000 women annually are educated on the importance of early detection!
- Over 1,200 women are screened annually through our program
- Offers educational workshops.
- Assists un- or underinsured women in accessing free LIFESAVING breast and cervical cancer screenings with a grant through Cancer Services of the Southern Tier.
- Free transportation to and from appointments.
- Free child or adult care to break down any barriers that might prevent a woman from making a scheduled appointment.

### **Helping Hands Scholarship Fund**

### A scholarship program designed to help provide:

Short term, early childhood tuition assistance, rental assistance, or medical bill assistance for those who are experiencing a hardship or barrier to services.

### YWRAP (YWCA Residents Achieving Positivity)

Empowering women in supportive housing programs to live independent, healthy lives.

### **Onsite Support Services:**

- Supportive crisis and mental health counseling
- Substance Use support groups and referral services
- Domestic violence survivor supportive housing programs and referral services
- Trauma Informed Care and Motivational Interviewing models used in on-site and mobile case management
- Employment and Life Skills Building: Budgeting and Financial Education,
   Employment Readiness, Resume Writing, Healthy Relationships, Co-Dependency
   Groups, Health and Fitness Groups, Cooking Classes and Nutrition Classes
- ENCOREplus program referrals for tenants to access free breast and cervical exams who are under- or uninsured
- On-site childcare in the YWCA's Drop-In Center for women in the Bridge program.
   This program provides intensive support to women in recovery from opioids and who have given birth to children addicted to opioids

### **Program Statistics:**

- 25% started vocational and educational services and either enrolled in higher education, gained employment or took computer classes to gain employment skills (i.e. GED classes, ACCESS VR, ATTAIN LAB for computer courses, BOCES, SUNY Broome, Elmira Business Institute)
- 80% Of the residents diagnosed with mental health issues entered mental health treatment
- 90% of all the residents with substance use disorder entered, continued or completed outpatient drug and alcohol treatment
- 90% of the residents working on reunification with their children were successful
- 25% stabilized personal finances by being gainfully employed
- 80% of women improved their physical health by establishing with a primary care physician and/or other healthcare professionals
- 85% of women with children achieved better health for their children by engaging in pre-school referral services
- 100% of women in supportive housing enrolled their children in healthcare and in schools if they were age appropriate
- 95% of the women who moved out and have successfully maintained permanent housing in the community





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<u>Programs</u>	<u>Populations Served</u>
YW City Apartments Address: 80 Hawley Street 48 Units, On- and Off-Site	Homeless Families with their dependent children and Single Adults 18 years and older. Case Management and support services.
Intensive Independent Living Program (IILP) Address: 80 Hawley Street 17 Units, On- and Off-Site	Homeless Families with their dependent children and Single Adults 18 years and older. Case Management, support services and rental assistance.
The Bridge Address: 80 Hawley Street	Homeless Families having an infant born addicted to illegal substances. Funds are used for all things a family needs to support recovery and ensure the child has everything they need. 2 year program
Journey 40 Units On and Off-Site	Homeless Families with their dependent children and Single Adults 18 years and older with a history of domestic violence. Case Management, support services and rental assistance.
<b>Department of Social Service Rental Supplement Program (DDSS RSP)</b> 80-85 Units, On- and Off-Site	Homeless Families with their dependent children and Single Adults 18 years and older. Case Management, support services and rental assistance. Program funded by Broome County DSS with goal to move homeless individuals and families quickly from homelessness into permanent housing.
Emergency Housing Shelter Address: 80 Hawley Street 21 Beds	Homeless Single Adults 18 years and older. Case Management, support services and basic essentials. Referrals to permanent housing in the community. Serves 300-350 individuals annually
Street Outreach Program	Staff work with actively homeless individuals and families in order to get them off the street and into a hotel, shelter or permanent housing. This program provides transportation, 24/7 on-call services and assistance, emergency food and clothing.
Shelter's Rapid Rehousing Program 25 Units Off-Site	Homeless Families with their dependent children and Single Adults 18 years and older. Case Management, support services and rental assistance.
Endicott Square Address: 23 Jackson Ave, Endicott, NY 15 Units On-Site	Homeless Families with their dependent children. Case Management, support services and rental assistance.





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