

ON A MISSION: AN UPDATE FOR YWCA SUPPORTERS

SEPTEMBER 2016



Congratulations

2016 SUMMER EXPLORERS

The YWCA congratulates the Summer Explorers children on successfully increasing their reading and math skills, building leadership skills, and completing the Summer Reading Program!

A *BIG THANKS* to the Explorer sponsors:

- * Greater Alliance Foundation
- * Lloyd and June Carlile
- * Brad and Sue Goris
- * Carol Grove
- * Bill and Sally Lavery
- * Jack and Madge Peters
- * United Way of Greater Stark County

YWCA MISSION

The YWCA Alliance is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.



SAVE the DATE!

*Saturday,
March 4, 2017
YWCA Mardi Gras
Celebration
Great music, food,
fun,
including a silent &
live auction*



YWCA Carnation Golf Scramble

Dear YWCA Members and Board:

Thank you so much for all you did to make the Carnation Scramble a success. I am grateful for the monetary donations you made, every dollar goes to YWCA programs. The donated prize baskets were great and the people who worked the registration table helped sell lots of raffle tickets and mulligans. The Scramble committee appreciates your continued dedication and loyalty to this event.

Thanks also for all you do throughout the year to help those in need.

Sincerely,

Leigh Mainwaring
Carnation Scramble Chair

ABC for KIDS

On Tuesday, August 16, 2016, vouchers for school supplies were distributed at the YWCA for qualifying children. 331 area children received WAL-MART vouchers and an additional 19 children received school supplies to ensure that they have the necessary supplies to start the new school year. Funds in the account allowed us to serve additional children, placed on the waiting list.

Leda Smith-Daniels,
Chair, ABC For Kids Project

President Missy's Note

Apple Dumplings! Golf Scramble!
ABC Voucher Dispersing!

Explorers Program!
Greater Alliance Carnation Festival!

Humidity!

Then HEAVY rain!

WHEW!! What a summer it has been!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, sponsored or in any way contributed to our programs and fundraisers...without **YOU** I'm sure our days and support to the Alliance community would be VERY difficult.

As the weather gets cooler...and you start to check out your winter clothing...may I encourage you to remember our clothes closet? To someone else you could make a BIG difference.

As I traveled to the University of Pittsburgh to help my granddaughter, Asia, get settled in...I reflected on the day I traveled to Salem-Teikyo University with my daughter...WOW what a blessing to again be able to experience the tears of seeing the woman she and her mom have become.

I like to think my **YWCA** experiences have had a hand in that! Because I too, am dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women & promoting peace, justice, freedom & dignity for all!

Sincerely,

Missy Miller
Alliance YWCA Board President

P.S...don't forget....MARDI GRAS IS
COMING!!!!!!!!!!



The Apple Dumpling Gang

A big thank you to our members who volunteered to man the booth and our customers. It was a great time to reconnect with other YWCA members while helping our community. Our food service staff of Nola and Debbie worked many hours making the syrup, cookies and baking the dumplings. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed. I could not forget to thank Gloria and Jan for organizing the details along with my cochairman, Callie Livengood. See you at the apple dumpling booth next summer!

Women's Career Clothing Closet

Give us your input

We wish to thank you for your kind and generous support of our YWCA Women's Clothes Closet. We value your commitment to our Mission. We need your help in making a decision.

If the closet has a surplus of clothing, how would you feel if we occasionally held a sale open to the general public at higher prices to deplete surplus items and generate funds for the Closet.

You may leave an anonymous voice mail response at (330) 823-1840. We would appreciate your opinion. You may agree, or prefer that we not do this. We appreciate your input in making this decision.

YWCA WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE

UMU TAKE BACK THE NIGHT 2016

October 10, 2016

6:15 p.m. Sexual Health Fair

Lobby, Giese Center for the Performing Arts
University of Mount Union

7 p.m. Keynote Address —

Bridget Mahoney,

former Television News anchor and reporter

While living in Youngstown, Ohio she anchored the evening news for WKBN-TV.

No one suspected that she was also a victim of domestic violence. Divorce did not end the abuse and sadly its effects spread to her children.

8:30 p.m. Take Back the Night Candlelight Rally Community Welcomed

The Great Flood

On August 29th, the YWCA staff began their day with mops in hand, due to heavy rainfall and flooding. Damage occurred in the area housing our Women's Clothes Closet. The clean up continued on Tuesday when the Clothes Closet was closed to our clients.

Mike Magrath answered the call for help and spent two days assisting with the clean up. YWCA plumber, Tom Boyce, also responded to help staff evaluate the cause.

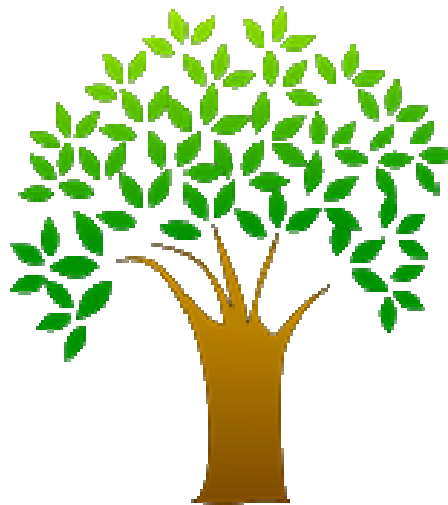
The YWCA Women's Clothes Closet opened for business again on Wednesday, August 31st, but not without significant loss. Winter coats could not be salvaged.

Please open your hearts and your closets to us as we continue to replenish our stock. We would truly appreciate any donations of Winter clothing to replenish items lost in the flood.

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On Saturday, July 30, the staff, along with family and friends of Janet Elliot, who passed away earlier this year, gathered at the YWCA to dedicate a pink dogwood planted in her memory.

Janet served on the Board of Directors before joining the staff. For a dozen years, she was the smiling face behind the YWCA front desk, the lovely voice that answered the phone, and a lifeline for seniors on the YWCA Meals on Wheels program, which she oversaw. Although she retired in 2004, Janet will always hold a special place in the YWCA's heart.