

ON A MISSION: AN UPDATE FOR YWCA SUPPORTERS



Greetings and Gratitude

YWCA Missoula is a force to be reckoned with. Our strength comes from the resilient women and families we serve, and it comes from our passionate and generous supporters and partners who are committed to the work of peace and justice. Led by our indomitable foremothers, for more than a century we have continued to serve the Missoula community. Supporters like you now help us serve nearly *3,000 of our neighbors each year*—from the young parent who has lost their housing, to the survivor attending a support group, to the kids joining our GUTS! summer leadership program.

And across the nation we join a movement of nearly 200 YWCAs, all working to empower women and eliminate racism. Together we are able to learn from one another, sharing best practices and teaching skills, and working toward larger systemic change.

If you're looking for ways to get more involved in our vital work, we have several [volunteer opportunities](#) this summer. You can read about those below. And if you haven't been on [a tour of The Meadowlark](#) yet, I would love for you to come learn more about our work and how you might support it.

There is no doubt we are stronger together. Your effort and giving, magnified by that of thousands of your neighbors, working together as one force of change through the YWCA, is the movement that will change lives and ultimately change the future of our community.

As always, thank you for joining us on the road to justice,
Jen

P.S. As a special thank you for your support, please join us at Ten Spoon for a [Supporter Celebration](#) on the evening of June 21st!

What's New

Supporter Appreciation Event: June 21st

Calling all donors, volunteers, and friends of YWCA Missoula! You're invited to join us for our annual Supporter Appreciation Event. Enjoy complimentary appetizers, live music, and good company. Bring your friends and family!

WHEN: Wednesday, June 21st, 5:30 - 7 PM

WHERE: Ten Spoon Winery, 4175 Rattlesnake Drive

[Please RSVP here.](#)

Share Your YWCA Story

We're collecting stories from people who have participated in YWCA Missoula programs or used our services. Whether you stayed in our domestic violence shelter, got help with housing applications, attended a support group, or your child joined a GUTS! summer adventure... we want to hear from you!

[Share your story here.](#)

Missoula PaddleHeads 'Strike Out Domestic Violence'

This summer, local minor league baseball team, [Missoula PaddleHeads](#), is helping to raise awareness and funds for our domestic violence program through their Strike Out Domestic Violence campaign. **For every strikeout by a PaddleHeads pitcher this season, the team will contribute \$50** to YWCA Missoula! The goal is to reach \$25,000 by the end of season in September.

[Learn more here.](#)

Community Events for Pride and Juneteenth

In celebration of Pride Month, the Western Montana Community Center and other collaborating groups are hosting dozens of educational and entertainment events throughout June. [Find the complete schedule here.](#)

Everyone is invited to celebrate Juneteenth, a day to commemorate the end of slavery, at a celebration hosted by the Montana Black Collective at Fort Missoula, Monday, June 19th. There will be music, art, and more. [Learn more about the program here.](#)

Program Updates

Abuse in Later Life Program

A common myth is that domestic violence only happens to younger people. However, the truth is, physical, emotional, sexual and financial harm can happen at any age. YWCA Missoula's Abuse in Later Life program is available to anyone over the age of 50. The program offers support services, access to shelter, counseling, and connection to other community resources.

[Learn more about elder abuse here.](#)

Domestic Violence Shelter

In our domestic violence shelter, our advocates walk hand in hand along the unfamiliar and vulnerable path a survivor takes when they leave their home, their neighbors, and sometimes even their pets to seek safety for themselves and their children. Today, 18 adults and 12 children are residing in shelter and beginning their healing journey.

[Learn more about our domestic and sexual violence services here](#)

Get 20% off at Secret Seconds



Are you decluttering at home? Secret Seconds Thrift Stores is offering a **20% off coupon with the donation of gently used housewares**, through the end of June! Housewares include kitchen items, art, and knick-knacks/collectibles.

Visit either store location to donate or shop: 920 Kensington and 1136 W. Broadway. Open 10am- 6pm, Tuesday-Saturday.

Follow Secret Seconds on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to learn about special inventory or upcoming promotions!

Who We Are



Hannah Lohmuller, Abuse in Later Life Advocate

Hannah Lohmuller provides crisis intervention and advocacy to older victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, emotional abuse, neglect or stalking, and helps raise awareness of elder abuse. Currently pursuing her Master's in Social Work at the University of Montana, Hannah brings a long and varied work experience in public service, corporate and small business arenas to her position. With a strong belief that basic needs and shelter, mental/health care, and gender/identity/culture should be human rights and not privileges afforded by political systems based on inequality, Hannah brings a trauma-informed, systems perspective to her work. In her spare time, Hannah runs a jewelry

Get Involved

Volunteer this Summer

In addition to our ongoing volunteer opportunities, we have a couple of special projects this summer that we are looking for volunteers to help with:

- Pick up breakfast from the Missoula Food Bank and deliver to YWCA (any day, M-F)
- Painting the walls of visitation room at Planet Kids
- Cleaning out window box planters and planting flowers
- Preparing a group meal for families to share together at Planet Kids (this is an ongoing 1x/month commitment)

Want to pitch in on one of these projects or learn more? Fill out our [volunteer interest form](#) or call Katie at 543-6691.

Tour The Meadowlark

Join us for an informational tour and learn about the impact of YWCA's programs YWCA's programs on families, youth, and domestic violence survivors.

UPCOMING DATES:

Tuesday, July 11th, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 8th, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Limited space. Please [RSVP here](#) to confirm availability.

Tuesdays at 12:30 don't work for you? [Contact Diane](#).

Donate Items on Our Wish List

Your donations of basic necessities can help families through everyday challenges. Right now we *are only accepting new/ unused items that are on our wish lists*. We accept donations Monday- Friday, 9am-5pm.

- [Domestic Violence Shelter needs](#)
- [Family Housing Center needs](#)
- [Youth Services needs](#)

Employment Opportunities

Join our team! We're currently hiring for the following positions:

- Family Housing Center Support Specialist (full time)
- Pathways Evening Advocate (part time)
- Family Housing Center Overnight Advocate (part/full time)

[Find job descriptions and application instructions here](#)

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