

eliminating racism empowering women

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mission

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

signature programs and services

Childcare

Early Learning Centers for Infants, Toddlers & Preschoolers, operate year round offering convenient and affordable quality programming. The Centers provide an environment rich with activities that stimulate healthy physical, mental, social and emotional development. Programs are located in Hartford, East Hartford and West Hartford. *YW Kidslink*, for students in Kindergarten through 5th Grade, is a before and after school child care program that offers stimulating and creative activities for children. Programs are located in Bolton, Manchester, Rocky Hill, West Hartford and Wethersfield.

Time Out For Parents (TOP)

Time Out for Parents is a child abuse prevention program that provides a safe, nurturing environment for children and support to families at risk of child abuse. The program helps parents or other caretakers work towards building better lives for themselves and their children. The program offers professional assistance to help parents and caretakers manage their own issues while improving relationships with their children. While parents are engaged in problem resolution, experienced and nurturing staff in our licensed centers care for children ages 8 weeks to 8 years.

Young Women's Leadership Corps (YWLC)

YWLC is a free after school program for young women. The program aims at strengthening skills and engaging young women to become future leaders in their school, workplace and community. The YWLC curriculum is designed for young women grades 7-12 and includes units on self-discovery, wellness, personal safety, sexual decision-making, effective communication, job readiness, college/career exploration and planning, and money management, as well as civic involvement and leadership development.

Emergency Shelter / Supportive Housing

Soromundi Commons is an innovative supportive housing facility in collaboration with Chrysalis Center, Inc., providing emergency shelter for women, 13 transitional and 35 permanent affordable apartments. This premier, nationally recognized model provides a continuum of care on site, from shelter to permanent housing coupled with supportive services that include case management, an employment specialist, health care and a vital community learning center. Soromundi Commons provides all the necessary tools and support to help the at-risk and homeless move towards self-sufficiency.

Financial Education for Women

The YWCA hosts the annual Money Conference for Women, a free one day conference focusing on money management, investment and retirement strategies for women of all ages, economic backgrounds and levels of financial knowledge. The program is designed to address the unique financial issues women face in their work and personal lives. The conference features motivating speakers, specialized workshops as well as a financial expo.

Stand Against Racism (SAR)

Stand Against Racism raises awareness about the existence of racism in our communities. The program aims to combat the spread of hate, to honor and celebrate the richness of diversity, and to proclaim that racism will not be tolerated. The program invites organizations of all types to take a stand by hosting or participating in an organized activity. In 2009, nearly 1,700 individuals in the Greater Hartford Area took a Stand Against Racism.

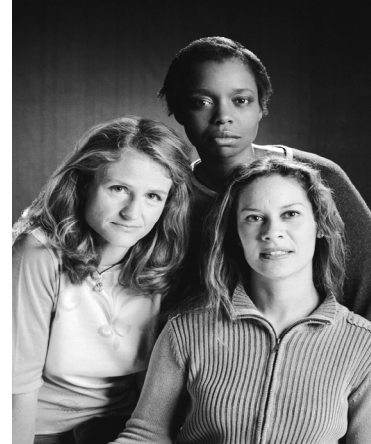
The YWCA Story

The YWCA of the Hartford Region is part of a legacy that has been at the forefront of most major movements in the United States and is a pioneer in race relations, labor union representation and the empowerment of women. The YWCA dates back to 1855 in London, England, where Emma Roberts and Mrs. Arthur Kinnaird formed the first Young Women's Christian Association.

Three years later, the Association "crossed the pond," and the first YWCA in the US was founded. Today, it is the oldest and largest multicultural women's organization in the world.

The YWCA makes a positive impact in the community by providing:

- Vital childcare servicing 868 children in 7 towns
- A strong advocacy voice for issues affecting women and girls
- Safe and supportive housing for more than 130 individuals
- A child abuse prevention program, helping 72 children and parents during difficult times
- Leadership and development skills for 198 teenage girls
- Financial education to over 400 women to achieve economic empowerment
- Free tax preparation to 131 individuals through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance initiative
- Racial justice awareness to 1,700 individuals through the Stand Against Racism



Funding

Programs and services of the YWCA of the Hartford Region are supported by government contracts, non-government grants from foundations and corporations, program fees and private donations. The operating budget is also supported by an annual fundraising event, the *In the Company of Women* luncheon.

Ways You Can Help the YWCA of the Hartford Region

- Contribute to the annual appeal
- Become a member
- Volunteer
- Participate in advocacy activities
- Sponsor the *In the Company of Women* luncheon and/or the *Connecticut Money Conference for Women*
- Become a table captain for the *In the Company of Women* luncheon

Additional Information

People Served: 3,600 Staff: 120
Annual Budget: \$5.5 million
Service Area: Hartford and surrounding towns

Board Chair: Janet Castricum
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