

YWCA IS ON A MISSION

Dear Friend,

Spring 2019

Our mission has never been more important than it is now. We have long been an inclusive space for the community, fighting passionately for the rights of women and people of color. Here is just one example:

Guler came to the U.S. seeking political asylum from Turkey. She enrolled in our English as a Second Language program to strengthen her English language skills. She shared about the YWCA, "They were so kind to me, friendly to us. They said to us always – if you need something we are here." Guler now works in our Child Development Center.

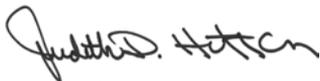
We are making a definitive impact in the lives of women, girls, and people of color by providing affordable, flexible infant and child care, English language education, and high school equivalency preparation and testing so that economic advancement is accessible. This is only possible with your support.

Please make a gift to our Annual Fund right now. A rise in annual operating expenses, a higher demand for financial assistance across all of our programs, and an aging facility all compete for our limited funding. Your gift will help insure we can continue advancing our mission.

Your gift of \$100 makes a tangible difference for the women, girls, and people of color we serve. A gift of \$200 will double that impact. Imagine the difference you would make with a gift of \$1,000. We've made it easy to donate. An envelope is included or you can donate online by visiting www.ywcacprinceton.org/donate. While you're there, make your gift recurring and invest in your enduring influence.

Your support is most appreciated.

Thank you,



Judy Hutton
CEO

WHAT WOULD DONATING \$100 MEAN?



STATE OFFICIALS INSPIRED BY OUR WORK



L-R: Commissioner Johnson, CEO Hutton, First Lady, & Board President Adams

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We viewed the innovative work that the YWCA Princeton is doing to end systemic racism and empower women in the community. Their mission aligns strongly with Nurture New Jersey's focus...

-First Lady Tammy Murphy

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In February, First Lady Tammy Murphy and the NJ Department of Human Services Commissioner Carole Johnson visited us for a firsthand account of the work we are doing in the pursuit to end systemic racism and empower women. Programs like affordable infant and child care, English as a Second Language, High School Equivalency preparation and testing, support for breast cancer survivors, and STEM education all fill crucial needs in Mercer County.

While on-site, the First Lady and Commissioner signed a pledge against racism, committing to do the hard work of ending racism through ongoing transformation of themselves and the institutions and structures of society.

YOUNG WOMEN OF COLOR ADVANCING OUR MISSION

YWCA Princeton's STEM/Robotics, which began in 2014 as a small all-girls competitive team, has grown to include multiple award-winning teams that compete at the state championships level. Aparna Rajesh and Anjali Dhayagude, captains of our all-girls competitive Robotics teams, were just awarded Winner and Rising Star, respectively, from the New Jersey affiliate of the National Center for Women & Information Technology. Our programs have evolved to offer more than elite STEM training. These young women are empowered as ambassadors and are shaping our world in an increasingly tech-focused marketplace.

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I ... felt empowered because of the YWCA. We are an all-girls team and there are many boys in Robotics that aren't happy about that. But I felt a sort of deep connection at the YWCA and they pushed us forward and kept us going.

-Aparna Rajesh

Award-winner & YWCA Robotics Team Captain

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L-R: Aparna Rajesh & Anjali Dhayagude

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



L-R: Jane Rodney, Marie Matthews, and Virginia (Ginny) Hendrickson

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Ginny, Marie, and Jane were the first in our area to empower women who had breast cancer. They are the reason our BCRC is able to help over 7,000 women every year, through outreach and education, counseling, head shavings, and more.

-Judy Hutton
CEO, YWCA Princeton

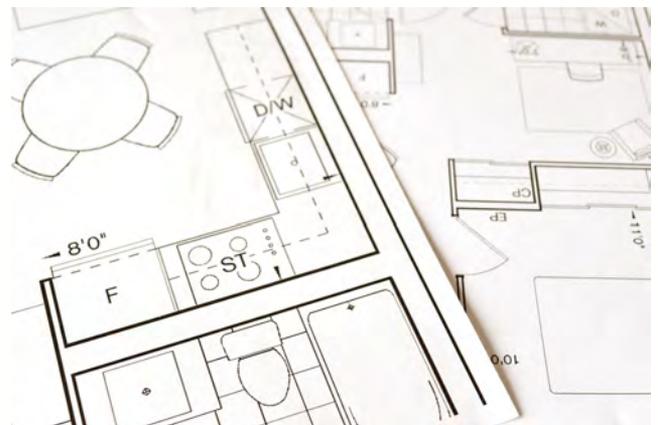
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March is Women’s History Month. At YWCA Princeton, we honor Marie Matthews, Virginia (Ginny) Hendrickson, and Jane Rodney. Through their dedication, service, and commitment, the Breast Cancer Resource Center (BCRC) was established in 1972. BCRC quickly emerged as a place for breast cancer patients and survivors to receive support from one another – no other support existed in the community before! All these women went the extra mile during the early days of the BCRC. Ginny shared a desk, put a BCRC hotline in her own home, and all three of them worked long hours to support other women. These phenomenal women were also the first to speak openly about breast cancer and through their bravery, other women were empowered.

INVESTING IN OUR FACILITIES CONTINUE

In the last year, we have replaced the roof on the older section of the YWCA Princeton Program Building, resurfaced the parking lot, removed the canopy between our building and the YMCA, upgraded the lobby furniture, and replaced the sewer line at Bramwell House.

This Spring, we plan to replace the roof on the newer section of the YWCA Princeton Program Building, upgrade all heating and cooling systems throughout the building, replace the electrical and security systems, and then update our windows and plumbing.



STAND AGAINST RACISM



This April, we invite you to join hundreds of thousands of people across the country, and take a STAND Against Racism.

Thought Provoking Talks

Thursday, April 25, 6:00-9:00 pm, YWCA Princeton

Youth Rally

Friday, April 26, 4:30-6:30 pm, Hinds Plaza, Princeton

More information: www.ywcaprinceton.org/stand

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What To Do

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about what we are doing.



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an event, follow us on social
media & SHARE!