

YWCA IS ON A MISSION



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Dress for Success had an inventory sale on July 26th! Inventory sales are open to the public and help make room for new seasonal stock. All proceeds from our inventory sales go to purchase items that tend not to be donated, such as scrubs, work boots and shoes, and clothes-care kits for our Dress for Success clients.

Dress for Success Greater Lafayette: Empowering Women for Economic Independence

In a world where female empowerment and equality are crucial for progress, Dress for Success Greater Lafayette provides hope and support for women seeking economic independence. Dress for Success empowers women through a network of support, professional attire, and development tools to help them thrive in both work and life.

Our Services: Empowering Women Every Step of the Way

Dress for Success Greater Lafayette offers a comprehensive range of services to support women at various stages of their professional journeys. These services are the pillars of our empowerment initiative:

- 1. Personal Consultation:** A one-on-one consultation with experienced mentors and counselors who understand the unique challenges women face in the job market. This personalized approach helps women identify their strengths and build confidence.
- 2. Professional Suiting:** Dress for Success provides free work-appropriate attire, including clothing, footwear, accessories, and cosmetic/toiletry items to women securing job interviews or employment opportunities. Dressing professionally can significantly impact a woman's confidence during interviews and the early days of her new job.
- 3. Resume Development:** Crafting an effective resume is crucial for job seekers. Dress for Success offers resume writing assistance to ensure that each woman's skills and experiences are presented in the best possible light.
- 4. Interview Prep:** Preparing for an interview can be nerve-wracking. With Dress for Success, women receive interview coaching and tips, enabling them to make a strong impression and increase their chances of success.
- 5. Career Coaching:** Ongoing career support is provided to help women navigate through challenges, set achievable goals, and advance professionally.

Empowering All Women in Need

Dress for Success Greater Lafayette is dedicated to serving women who:

- Are self-referred or referred by non-profit organizations, including domestic violence agencies, homeless shelters, and job-training programs.
- Live close to or below the poverty level, providing support to those who need it the most.
- Represent all ethnicities and races, celebrating diversity and inclusion.
- Range in age from 18 to 60, with the majority falling between 18 and 38.
- Often face the challenges of being single mothers, highlighting the need for support in balancing work and family responsibilities.

Making a Global Impact

Dress for Success is not just confined to Greater Lafayette; it is an international organization that has expanded its reach to nearly 150 cities in 23 countries. Over the years, Dress for Success has empowered more than 1.2 million women worldwide to work toward self-sufficiency and achieve economic independence.

Dress for Success Greater Lafayette is much more than a charity providing clothing. Through personal consultations, professional suiting, career development, and ongoing support, Dress for Success uplifts women and helps them thrive in the workplace and beyond. By promoting self-sufficiency and socioeconomic advancement, we contribute to a brighter, more equal future for women in the community. To support Dress for Success or to access our services, visit our website or call 765-742-0075. Together, we can create a world where all women have the tools and support they need to succeed.



Cappelleri Sunday Sauce is a food stand that uses our shared kitchen here at YWCA Greater Lafayette! They're a farmer's market business specializing in Italian Sunday dinner! Visit them at the @historicalafayettefarmersmarket on Saturdays (May-Oct) from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.!

YWCA values growth, empowerment, and opportunities. To help offset vendor fees, scholarship funds from our YWCA Foundation are used as the vendors work to start up their businesses. Some of these vendors have moved on to create their own brick and mortar storefronts like Sweet Revolution and Two Guys Bakery and Catering. Other vendors you can find at local events, Farmer's Markets and even markets in Indianapolis!

For more information about these programs, visit the [YWCA Greater Lafayette website](#). Spots are limited.



Whether your child is in pre-school, elementary, middle or high school, transitioning them back to school can be challenging.

Tips for Back-To-School! - Talk to your kids about trusted adults

Whether your child is in pre-school, elementary, middle or high school, it's important to talk with them about how to handle new situations that they may encounter and what trusted adults they can go to if they need help or advice. Learning how to maneuver unfamiliar issues and new problems can be confusing and scary for kids; that's why it's important they know who they can go to for guidance.

Our Outreach Coordinator, Jen Bushore-Barry, says, "Reminding young people to think about what trusted adults they can speak to will help empower them, as they'll know who they can go to in times of need." Jen suggests kids go to trusted adults within the school, such as counselors, teachers, etc.

If you're interested in having our Outreach Coordinator do a presentation at your school, you can reach Jen Bushore-Barry at jbushore@ywcalafayette.org



When one of our clients succeeds, we all do. Your support of YWCA Greater Lafayette helps to ensure the future of the work we do. Stories like this are the reason we show up every day:

From a Client Services Specialist: "One client said that she hasn't cried for her dad's death in a long time, but that today felt like a good day to do it, that she came to our support group not expecting to be so emotional but that it was healing for her."

With your generosity, we can help even more women and children have the safe, stable, healthy lives they deserve. Give your gift today!

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YWCA Around Town



Some of our awesome YWCA Greater Lafayette Leadership team volunteered at Food Finders!



Nohemi leading the Spanish Support Group Reflexiones at the Purdue Extension building.



Mary, Brenda and Nohemi attending the Clinton County Social Service meeting at Healthy Communities.



Mary at the Hot Dog Festival in Frankfort!



Our Spanish Support Group Reflexiones spent some time at the Columbian Park to rejuvenate and think of ways that help our mental health.



Mary and Ashley at the Summer carnival in Frankfort!



Jen at the Indiana Black Expo Greater Lafayette Backpack Giveaway. This event provided 300 backpacks to families!

CURRENT ASSOCIATION AND SHELTER NEEDS

YWCA Greater Lafayette welcomes donations, and we accept a wide variety of items to help keep our buildings maintained and our programs and services impactful. Please visit the [Shelter and Association Needs](#) page for more information regarding donations and a current list of needs, or shop our [Amazon Wishlist!](#)

Urgent needs this month include:

- Light bulbs
- Box Fans
- Hair brushes
- School supplies (backpacks, pencil cases, lunch boxes, spiral notebooks, pocket folders, crayons, markers, colored pencils, dry erase markers, bleach wipes)

Upcoming Events

October 22 - Stay tuned for an exciting new event!

YWCA Greater Lafayette is on a mission! For almost a century we have been the leader in serving our community as we work to eliminate racism and empower women. Your gift will help support ongoing programs focused on protecting and promoting dignity, peace, justice, and freedom for women and families within the Greater Lafayette community and throughout Indiana's central region. We simply could not do this important work without you! Give today and change tomorrow!

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