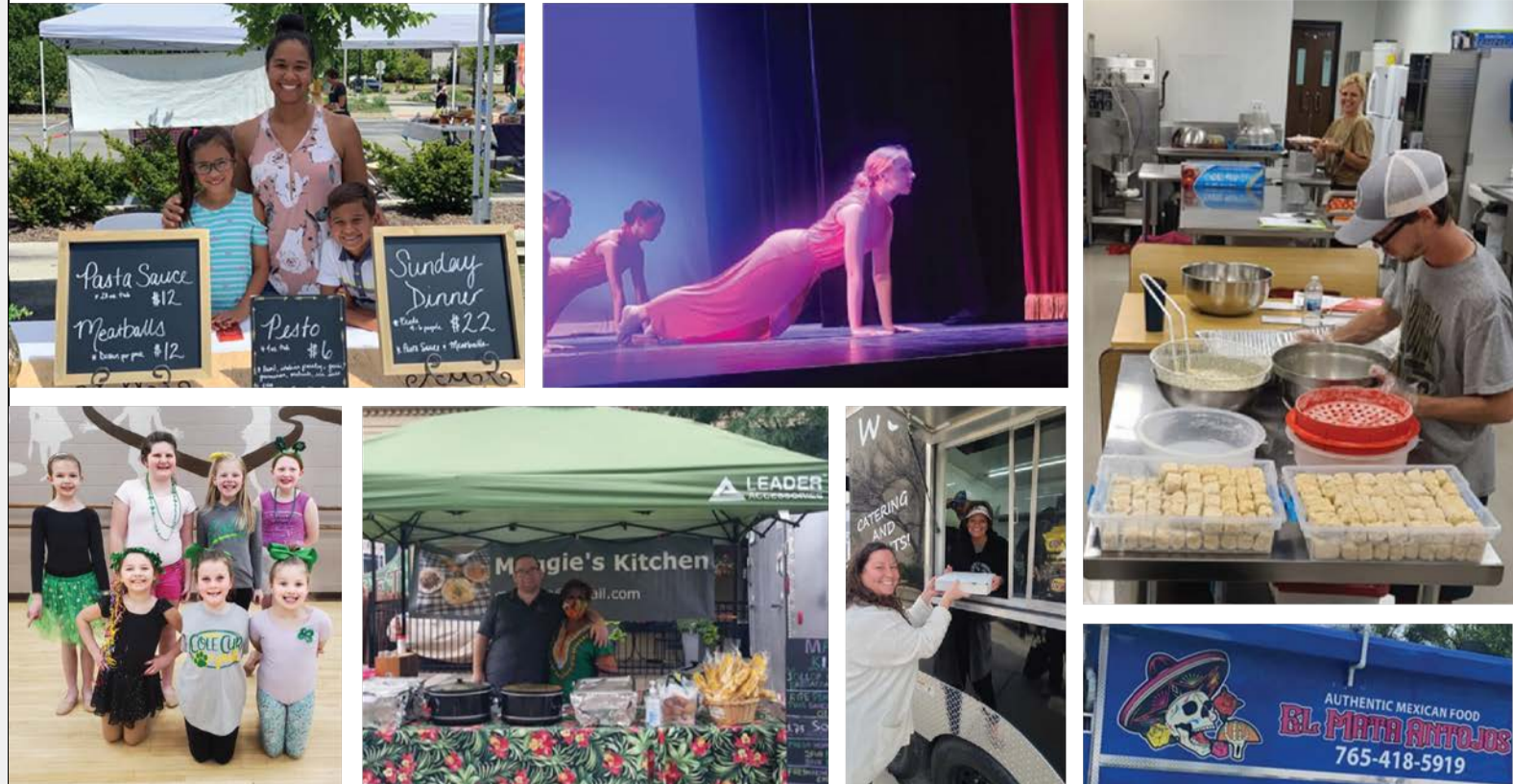


# YWCA IS ON A MISSION



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## Did you know? Dance and Shared Kitchen at YWCA

Although dance classes have a long history at YWCA Greater Lafayette, the current Y-Dance program began in 2003 with one teacher and 16 students. It has grown year after year and along the way has adapted to the needs of our community. The Y-Dance program undergoes changes as the numbers, needs, and desires of its dancers continue to grow, as evident by our expanding dance classes.

Whether the goal is to dance at a recreational level “just for fun,” or for those who foresee themselves on competitive dance teams, in musical theatre, undertaking auditions, or who want to take dance to a higher level, Y-Dance has something for everyone. We offer Fusion (ballet/jazz combined), Tap, Ballet, and Hip Hop with classes available from ages 3 to Adult. We have three semesters available for registration each year. Beginning in January, a 15-week semester ends in May with a BIG recital at The Long Center for the Performing Arts with all the glitz and glam of real show biz! In summer, we offer different age themed three-day camps. These fun camps are a great way to expose kids to dance and test the waters of our program. Our last semester is 12 weeks from September – December and includes a few optional performance opportunities in our community and ends with an in-house showcase the last week of classes.

Our philosophy is:

- To provide an atmosphere of discipline and structure
- To make each dancer feel loved, valued, and empowered
- To be a fun, enjoyable learning experience
- To enhance dancers' coordination, dance, creativity, technique, and memory skills

With an audience full of guests for the 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. shows on May 6th, 165 performers took the stage in 26 routines to show off all they had learned for the Winter 2023 semester. We are so thankful for the 12 staff members and 71 volunteers that helped make the show go smoothly. We opened the treasure chest of nostalgic, vintage, and new toys. Each routine was centered around a toy; rubber duck, Trolls, and toy soldiers. It was so fun to see our dancers gain confidence and strength over the 15-week semester and then perform on stage at The Long Center for the Performing Arts with the lights, stage, and costumes. It was a day full of joy and excitement.

Similar to a popular sandwich franchise, YWCA Greater Lafayette can also tout delicious free smells coming from our licensed commissary kitchen. With 12 licensed vendors utilizing our kitchen as their prep space, it is common to smell sweet baked goods, savory breads, fresh waffles, and spicy Mexican and Italian dishes along with healthy, homemade meals in the halls of YWCA.

It is YWCA Greater Lafayette's mission to provide this commissary kitchen to culinary entrepreneurs to start their businesses and empower them to grow to their potential. YWCA Greater Lafayette is one of very few commissary kitchens in the community. It is inspected and certified by the Tippecanoe County Health Department annually, and each vendor is individually certified. We have worked to provide continued growth in the area, and this year we are proud to offer the space to 12 different vendors. These vendors include:

Blackdog BBQ • El Carmen, LLC • El Mata Antojos • Live your Fit  
 Lyd the Baker • Maggie's Kitchen • Rollin' in Dough • Tacos Mexico  
 Cappelleri Sunday Sauce • The Brittle Co. • Wild School Market  
 EMT (Emergency Munchie Truck)

The Emergency Munchie Truck, owned by Amber Davis, is our longest-standing vendor who has received this community's best food truck award three years in a row.

YWCA values growth, empowerment, and opportunities. To help offset vendor fees, scholarship funds from our 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](#).



Current and former Salute to Women honorees met for a reception on June 14th at the home of Erika Steuterman. Left to right: Erika Steuterman, Ebony Gilbert, Jaime Malenchik, Val Clark, Sujatha Ramani, Sallie Dell Fahey, Courtney Murtaugh, Cassandra Salazar, Angie Klink, Linda Sorensen, Sally Watlington.

## 49th annual Salute to Women in the books

An impressive crowd gathered at The Stables Event Center on June 22 for the 49th Annual Salute to Women. Amidst tears and laughter, we learned a great deal about what makes these eight honorees so remarkable. If you missed their video spots, visit [WLF1's YouTube channel](#) and check them out!

As we look towards the 50th Anniversary of Salute to Women in 2024, we recognize that an event of this size doesn't happen without community support. We thank every sponsor and in-kind donor, and our volunteers and boards that help make this event a success year after year.



Sally Watlington • Susan Snyder, DDS, PC • Audi of Lafayette/Five Star Auto Group  
 Ivy Tech Community College • Zebra Landscape • Mayor Tony Roswarski  
 Industrial Federal Credit Union • Hunter's Pub • Rubia Flower Market • WLF1 18  
 Greater Lafayette Clay Guild • The Stables Catering/North End Cafe  
 The Stables Event Center • Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette • Beth Bangs  
 JoAnn Brouillette • Tamara House Grayce Lechtenberg • Inge Maresh • Barb Reif  
 Sue Scholer • Sue Scott Pauline Shen • Liz Solberg • Linda Sorensen • JoAnn Vorst • Tenecia Waddell-Pyle

Nominations for the 50th Anniversary Celebration will be opening soon! Check our [website](#) for updates and get your nominations in early!

## YOUR IMPACT

*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 Women's Wellness navigator:** "Today I was able to connect a woman in rural area several counties away with a resource to help her with a mammogram. She hadn't been screened in years because of her financial situation. She was grateful we were able to help her with this very important issue."

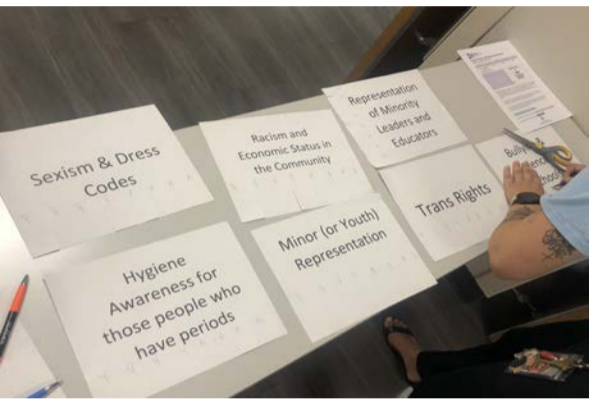
*With your generosity, we can help even more women and children have the safe, stable, healthy lives they deserve. Give your gift today!*

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## YWCA Around Town



Jen attended the AWBO Summer Social. AWBO began at YWCA 40 years ago.



Community Connections, Part 3. There was a great turnout of young people at the collaboration with Tippecanoe County Government, YWCA Greater Lafayette, and ProAct Indy.



Nohemi attending the 2023 Indiana Civil Rights Commission Annual Conference.



Brenda, Mary, and Jen shared our mission with attendees at the Juneteenth festival.



Tippecanoe Child Abuse Prevention Council and CASA hosted a lunch and learn at YWCA. Sgt. Michael Zambon spoke about organized crime and gang activity in our community.

## 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:

- Disposable Cups
- AAA batteries
- Baby wipes
- Light bulbs
- Alarm clocks (for shelter residents)

## 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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