

YWCA IS ON A MISSION



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STRIVE: Empowering Individuals to Break Down Barriers and Succeed in the Modern Workforce

At YWCA Greater Lafayette, we have been providing services to our community for 94 years, adapting and changing to meet the needs of our community. Our goal has always been to identify barriers, provide resources and support, and advocate for meaningful and systemic change. Through our years of service, we recognized the need for more proactive and empowering services to help individuals break down those barriers that have been erected through no fault of their own.

Generational poverty often leads to violence, victimization, homelessness, limited access to quality education and employment, and more. At YWCA Greater Lafayette, we believe that earning a living wage is a fundamental human right. That's why we partnered with Google to create STRIVE, a workforce development program that delivers digital skills training, essential workplace skills, and empowerment pieces to help every participant feel confident in their own skills, strengths, and abilities.

Delivered through the lens of economic and racial and social justice, STRIVE aims to open a dialogue where participants feel empowered to share their experiences and join YWCA in its mission. Each session takes approximately two hours to complete and includes a slide deck, a complete facilitator narrative, and suggestions for large and small group activities. Each session also includes an assignment to be completed by the participants either during the session or as homework, with the facilitator determining if assignments are mandatory or optional.

Participants of STRIVE will earn a professional certificate of completion, leave with an improved resume and cover letter, and can access outfitting services through Dress for Success Greater Lafayette after securing an interview or employment. To earn the STRIVE professional certificate, participants must complete 60 hours of STRIVE programming.

STRIVE provides participants with a number of resources in the areas of community engagement, financial empowerment, relationships, parenting, employment, and racial and social justice. Additionally, STRIVE offers case management, coaching, and mentorship, as well as guest speakers to talk with participants during in-person sessions about their personal experiences and areas of expertise.

The STRIVE Core Curriculum focuses on basic digital skills, financial literacy, job coaching, resume building, interviewing, building confidence, and teaching other hard skills. Hard skills are important because they increase employee productivity and efficiency and subsequently improve employee satisfaction. The Thrive in the Workplace Curriculum focuses on soft skills, such as interpersonal skills, communication skills, listening skills, time management, and empathy, and more. Hiring managers typically look for job candidates with soft skills because they make someone more successful in the workplace. Facilitators work to encourage participants to identify their own soft and hard skills to include in an updated resume and develop strategies for utilizing and discussing these skills with potential employers.

At YWCA Greater Lafayette, we believe that everyone deserves an equitable world with equal access to opportunities and resources, safe and stable environments, and the freedom to be who they are. STRIVE is just one way we are working to make that belief a reality.

[Click here for more information about our STRIVE program.](#)

We are always looking for volunteers to help facilitate our STRIVE program and in many other areas, as well. If you are interested in volunteering at YWCA, fill out [the information form here](#).

19th Annual Spring Dance Recital is Huge Success!



Y-Dance's 19th Spring dance recital was a huge success! Both shows were well attended and seeing the audience full and all of the dancers' smiles on stage was very heartwarming. There were also a countless number of volunteers that helped to make our show wonderful.

Summer Dance Camp is getting ready to start! If you are still interested in signing your child up for summer dance camps please register! Share with a friend who might be interested in signing their dancer up as well.

[Register for Summer Dance Camp here.](#)



Get your tickets for Salute to Women

There's still time to purchase your Salute to Women tickets! You don't want to miss out on this inspirational evening. This year's honorees are:

**Sallie Dell Fahey • Courtney Murtaugh • Angie Klink • Sujatha Ramani
Cassandra Salazar • Ebony Gilbert • Jaime Malenchik • Valerie Clark**

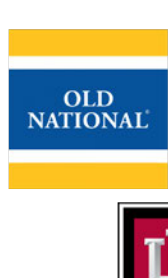
We had a sell-out crowd last year, so please get your tables and tickets early to avoid disappointment! We are back at the beautiful Stables Event Center this year, and we are looking forward to celebrating with these amazing women!

Want to do more than attend? We are actively seeking sponsorships for this event. Join Purdue Federal Credit Union, IU Health, Old National Bank, and others in uplifting women's voices and talent in YOUR community! [Click here for sponsorship opportunities.](#)

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When one of our Domestic Violence 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 Janae, Director of Operations: Today, the sister of one of our clients was brought to tears while she watched her sister pick out some much needed furniture to start her new life. She told me that she is so grateful for our programs to help others and is touched that there are still people in this world that care to help and care to donate goods needed by others. She was very grateful.

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

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YWCA Around Town



Sexual Assault Case Advocates Mary Brown and Ashley Miers braved the rain at the Stomping out Stigma 5k.



Our Violence Prevention team was present at the *Drowning Girls* play at the Haan Museum. *Drowning Girls* is the true story of a man who killed his three wives by drowning them in the bathtub. Nohemi discussed the danger of staying in a domestic violence situation to the audience. Such a great play!



Floyd and Nohemi attending the Community Connections Summit sponsored by YWCA and Pro Act where they had the opportunity to encourage the youth to speak up about the topics that matter to them the most, in their case, social justice for all. Lindsey was also present and busy working at the event.



Outreach Coordinator Jen (right) was at the Community Baby Sprinkle hosted by Edward Jones Advisor Bri Madren. The event collected donations for YWCA and Bravely Women's Health.



Team YWCA offering volunteer opportunities to the community at the Leadership Lafayette Volunteer Expo.



DVIPP staff enjoying the sunshine at Carroll White Youth Worker Cafe and Mental Health Proclamation for Carroll and White Counties.

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
- Razors
- Laundry soap (five-gallon buckets preferred), softener, and dryer sheets
- Eco style hair gel (clear preferred)
- AAA batteries

Upcoming Events

[June 22 - Salute to Women](#)

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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