YWCA GREATER FLINT

ANNUAL REPORT
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YWCA Greater Flint

is ON A MISSION to
eliminate racism, empower women and
promote peace, justice, freedom and
dignity for all.
Dear Friends,

The 2018 year marked our 110th Anniversary serving the Flint and Genesee County community. We can thank Nina Mills, an assistant to the City of Flint treasurer at the time, for initiating the establishment of the YWCA of Greater Flint in 1908. Much has changed since then, but the core vision of serving the needs of girls and women in our community has not.

Exciting things took place this year including:

- Hiring of a new CEO;
- Completion of a strategic plan
- Implementation of a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) which will is developing a comprehensive, county-wide response protocol for sexual assault survivors; and,
- Developing a leadership program for middle school girls

We hope you enjoy reading about our initiatives. The YWCA Greater Flint is on a mission! Thank you for supporting us!

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Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Programs

The YWCA Greater Flint offers comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Genesee County.

- 1,200 clients received individual crisis counseling
- 918 clients were provided with civil legal advocacy
- 22 survivors participated in a support group

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CRISIS COUNSELING
Counselors provide tools to empower survivors by increasing their safety and lead lives free from violence. Support groups provide a safe place to learn & grow with others who have gone through similar situations.

We assisted with the completion of 710 personal protection orders

CRISIS LINE
A 24 hour crisis line answered by trained professional staff who provide emergency shelter assessments, safety planning, share community resources and offer referrals to callers in need of supportive services.

24/7 CRISIS LINE: 810-238-SAFE

VICTIM SERVICES

VICTIM ADVOCACY
Staff provide information about the criminal justice system, provide court support, assist with filing personal protection orders & work with local police jurisdictions who receive domestic violence & sexual assault complaints. Our advocates are also embedded in the Flint Police Department, and the circuit and district courts, working alongside our partners to provide services to victims.

2,082 crisis calls were received
SafeHouse

The SafeHouse is a 32-bed facility that provides safe, temporary shelter and supportive services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their minor children. SafeHouse is located in a beautiful, comfortable and secure site, with easy access to public transportation and community resources. In addition to emergency housing, clothing and food, services available while at Safe House include:

- Victim advocacy
- Crisis counseling and support groups
- Referrals to community resources
- Personal advocacy and positive support
- Children’s activities
- Educational opportunities

221 adult survivors and 218 children were housed in Safehouse

439 TOTAL
Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Center

In 2017, the YWCA opened the SAFE Center and launched its Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program. The Center is equipped to perform rape kit examinations for victim in a safe and private setting. SANE nurses are on-call 24/7 to perform a rape kit examination in the SAFE Center.

107 rape kit exams were completed

ERT responded to 98 calls
Domestic violence– 58
Sexual Assault– 40

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT)

Advocates provide 24 hour crisis intervention to survivors identified in local emergency rooms in the SAFE Center who have survived a recent incident of domestic violence or sexual assault. Advocates provide emotional support, assist with personal protection orders, and inform the survivor of our services and connect them to community resources.
The YWCA Greater Flint made contact with 5,800 individuals through presentations about the dynamics of intimate partner violence and sexual assault.

We offered presentations and trainings to:

- Law enforcement agencies;
- Court officials;
- Local college students and administrators;
- Local middle school and high school students and teachers; and,
- Faith-based organizations.

We also participated in community events where we staff a YWCA resource table. Some of the events include:

- Flint Farmer’s Market
- Mott Community College Fair
- Take Back at Night at MCC
- Clothesline Project at UM-Flint
- Speed Networking-Food Bank of Eastern Michigan
- Stews, Chilis and Soups Cook-off at General Motors Service Parts Operation
- Hamilton Health Clinic
- Galentine’s Day at Flint Local 442
52 individuals served as volunteers or interns, amassing a total of 7,775 hours of service!

Our interns come from the following institutions:

- Baker College
- Michigan State University
- Mott Community College
- Saginaw Valley State University
- University of Michigan-Flint

City of Flint Police Department
Department of Health and Human Services
Genesee County Clerk’s Office
Genesee County Jail
Genesee County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office
Genesee Intermediate School District
Job Corps
Odyssey Outpatient Services
Project Community Connect (homeless services)
Shelter of Flint
St. Luke’s New Life Center
Voices for Children Advocacy Center
Wellness Center
We would like to recognize and thank everyone who donated $1,000 or more to the YWCA Greater Flint from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

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