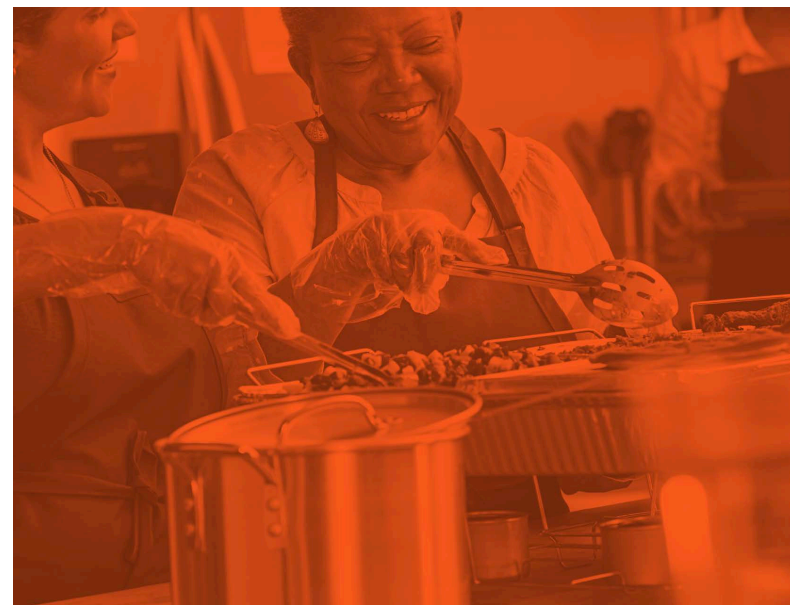
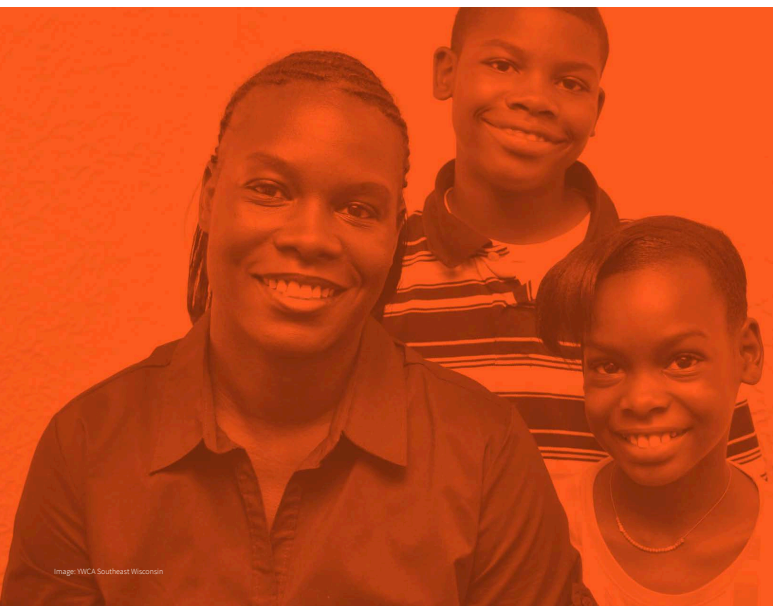




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## VICTIM ADVOCACY

The legal system can be difficult to understand and can feel threatening and unfriendly at times. Survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault are often involved with the criminal justice system, or with family law court in divorce or custody matters, child protection proceedings, or personal protection order (PPO) cases. The YWCA's Victim Advocates work hard at building relationships with prosecutors, judges and law enforcement to effectively advocate on behalf survivors.

The following services are offered by Victim Advocates:

- ▶ Advocacy and communication on behalf of survivors
- ▶ Accompaniment and support during court proceedings
- ▶ Assistance with applying for Crime Victim Compensation
- ▶ Assistance with preparing, filing, serving and maintaining PPOs
- ▶ Do-it-yourself divorce workshops for survivors
- ▶ Referrals to attorneys for direct legal representation

### 2016 SAFE HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

Survivors provided  
with PPO assistance

# 326

### 2016 COUNSELING SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

Survivors provided with  
individual counseling

# 2156

Survivors provided with domestic  
violence & sexual assault  
support groups

# 645

## COUNSELING SERVICES

The YWCA's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program delivers all services with an empowerment-based philosophy focusing on a survivor's strengths and choices. Crisis counseling and support groups are designed to provide survivors with the tools to empower themselves, to increase their safety and lead lives free from violence. Counselors assist with safety planning, connecting survivors to resources, and other individual support-based needs. Support groups provide a safe space for survivors to learn and grow with others who have gone through similar situations.

# SAFE HOUSE

The YWCA's 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

## 2016 SAFE HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

Shelter Nights – Women

**4680**

Shelter Nights – Children

**4866**

Adult Survivors  
Sheltered

**253**

Children Sheltered

**213**

Crisis Line Calls

**1205**



# EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The Emergency Response Team (ERT) provides 24-hour immediate crisis response to area hospitals and local law enforcement. Services include support during sexual assault examinations, explanation of evidence collection, support to family and friends, and assisting the survivor in accessing services after an assault has taken place.

2016  
ERT  
HIGHLIGHTS

Emergency response to  
violent incidences

**113**

# PREVENTION EDUCATION

The YWCA actively works to inform and educate the community about domestic violence and sexual assault – the more awareness and education we spread, the closer we get to eliminate it. Trained staff facilitates informational sessions and discussions with community partners including law enforcement, hospital staff, other services providers, local colleges and community schools.

2016  
PREVENTION  
EDUCATION  
HIGHLIGHTS

Community education  
presentations

**66**

Individuals attended  
presentations

**887**



# 2016 EVENTS

## GOLF OUTING



Each year, corporations and individuals from across the community come together for an enjoyable day of golf in support of the YWCA's mission and programs. The 2016 Annual Golf was hosted at the Atlas Valley Country Club in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

The YWCA takes the opportunity to honor survivors of domestic violence by increasing awareness and hosting events during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In October 2016, the YWCA supported events throughout the community and provided several presentation and awareness opportunities throughout the community. The Clothesline Project was on display for the entire month of October in the lobby of the YWCA. This initiative started nationally in 1990 to address the issue of violence against women. Survivors at the YWCA participate by expressing their emotions on a t-shirt that is then hung to be viewed by others as a testimony to the direct impact that violence against women has had on them individually and on our community as a whole.

## CONSTRUCTING HOPE



This year of transition and transformation for the YWCA provided us with an opportunity to open our new location to long time and new supporters to show the "before" and vision of what could be. Many gathered in March at the future home of the YWCA in The Phoenix building to imagine and support the relocation and renovations that would serve to offer hope and shelter to those in crisis.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month! The YWCA partnered with numerous organizations to raise awareness of sexual violence and the impact it has on our community. Take Back the Night was hosted by University of Michigan- Flint where survivors of sexual assault were empowered to take control of the conversation and speak out about their experiences. YWCA staff was present to provide support and counseling services at this event.

# 2016 EVENTS

## THE CIRCLE LUNCHEON



The Circle remains the year's most important fundraiser and awareness building event for the YWCA. This unique day brings community minded individuals together in an intimate luncheon setting to connect and network with others who share the common goal of empowering women and their children to move forward from trauma to live a life free from violence. In 2016, attendees enjoyed Erin Brokovich's keynote address that reflected her own story of grit and resilience and fight for equity and justice, irrespective of race, power, gender or class.

# THANK YOU!

The staff of the YWCA offer their warmest appreciation to the wonderful women who have served on the Board of Directors in 2016

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