

YWCA IS ON A MISSION

SPRING 2024



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THURSDAY, APRIL 25
YWCA Center for Racial Equity & Inclusion
Packet Pickup & Cultural Celebration
4 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
Kanawha Boulevard West
5K Run/1 Mile Walk
9 a.m.

8th Annual Race to End Racism to be held April 27

The YWCA Charleston will hold its eighth annual Race to End Racism on Saturday, April 27 through the West Side.

The race brings together members of the community to participate in a 5K run or 1 mile walk with proceeds benefitting the YWCA Charleston Racial Equity & Inclusion Program.

The program is housed in the new YWCA Charleston Center for Racial Equity and Inclusion, which is located at 412 Elizabeth Street, Charleston, WV 25301.

"The new Center for Racial Equity & Inclusion enables us to offer a safe space to facilitate important

community conversations and moves us forward in our mission to eliminate racism," said Jennifer Goddard, CEO for YWCA Charleston.

"We are thankful for the community's generosity to help realize this mission."

Sign up at
ywcacharleston.org/race

Program Director Shanté Ellis works closely with our Racial Equity & Inclusion Committee, which comprises members of diverse faiths, ethnicities, races, ages, socio-economic statuses, and professions.

"The program continues to experience strong growth and accomplishments year after year," Ellis said.

"Our role is to change one heart and one mind at a time to see true fulfillment of our mission work. Especially in today's world of diverse rhetoric, we must combat negative and unfair views of people with color, mitigate the downstream effects of racism, and attack the root causes of racial inequity."

Please join us on this mission and register to participate in our eighth annual Race to End Racism on April 27, 2024 across from Magic Island along Kanawha Boulevard West.

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Women of Achievement

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YWCA Honors a Diverse Class of Leading Ladies at Women of Achievement Luncheon

More than 600 people celebrated the 2024 YWCA Women of Achievement on International Women's Day at Embassy Suites, sponsored by Huntington National Bank. The honorees this year included:

- Bunmi Kusimo-Frazier, Esq.** - *"Woman to Watch"*
- Jamie Tridico, PT/DPT** - *"Woman of Achievement"*
- Virginia Slack, CPA** - *"Lifetime Achievement"*
- Tiffany Crum** - *"Encova Empowerment Award"*

Since 1997, YWCA Charleston has celebrated the accomplishments of more than 100 trailblazing women in our community. The "Empowerment Honoree" category was added in 2006 to recognize former YWCA program participants that powered through their struggles and transformed their lives. "YWCA Women of Achievement are extraordinary people! Our community and YWCA Charleston have benefitted so much from the energy and passion these ladies pour into the community," said YWCA Charleston CEO, Jennifer Goddard. "It was a pleasure to celebrate the Class of 2024. I look forward to our Breakfast with Champions where we will partner the honorees with young girls from our downtown elementary schools." If you know someone who should be honored in the Class of 2025, visit ywcacharleston.org/woa. Nominations are due July 15.



Kym Davis radiates sunshine and enthusiasm every time she volunteers with YWCA Charleston. She began volunteering in October 2023 and has dedicated over 20 hours of service to the organization. Her conscientiousness and “can-do” attitude are just two examples of why she is an asset to our programs.

Kym works as an analyst for CASCI and has a passion for helping others. She began her volunteer ventures with Saint Francis Hospital and has continued finding ways to serve her community. She enjoys health and wellness and is proudly certified in mental health first aid. Davis says she enjoys encouraging others to see the sun on the rainiest of days.

Her charisma and dedication to YWCA Charleston are a display of her love for her community and her serving heart. The positive influence she has here will only continue to grow as she encourages and helps others with her contagious outlook on life.

Thank you, Kym, for joining our team as a volunteer! We sincerely appreciate all you do!



Leaders for Change Spotlight

Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC) is southern West Virginia’s largest health system, with seven hospitals and more than 150 outpatient locations providing quality care across communities.

CAMC is home to a nationally recognized Heart and Vascular Center, the largest Cancer Center, the first kidney transplant center and the first freestanding Women and Children’s Hospital. Patients can receive a wide range of medical services from health care professionals who are dedicated to ensuring that patients receive comprehensive care.

“We are proud to provide quality care, which can only be earned through the dedication, clinical expertise and compassion of our exceptional staff to our communities,” said Glenn Crotty, Jr, MD, CAMC President and CEO. “Our team truly lives our mission of striving

to provide the best care to every patient, every day.”

Last year, CAMC expanded its commitment to enhancing education, research and learning experiences for staff with its new, state-of-the-art Center for Learning and Research. The new building provides residents, nurses and other medical professionals with the most life-like, realistic clinical training environment to learn, practice skills and utilize new equipment.



Charleston Area Medical Center



As health care continues to evolve, CAMC remains committed to adapting and expanding to meet the changing needs of its patients and community. In 2022, CAMC Health System and

Mon Health System combined forces to create Vandalia Health, expanding health care access and improving patient outcomes across West Virginia, with additional locations in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia. Vandalia Health has since added Davis Health System, as well as numerous physicians and locations.

CAMC has been a long-time supporter of the YWCA Charleston. “In many ways, the YWCA and CAMC have similar goals,” said Elizabeth Pellegrin, Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer of CAMC and Vandalia Health, and former YWCA Board President. “We are committed to creating healthy, stable communities and we provide critically needed services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.”

For more information about Leaders for Change, visit ywcacharleston.org.

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2024 YWCA DATES TO SAVE

RACE TO END RACISM

04.27.24 | Kanawha Blvd. West

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

08.10.24 | Charleston Coliseum

GUYS NIGHT OUT

Fall 2024 | TBD

FOODIE FEAST

11.10.24 | TBD