**YWCA 2nd Annual 1905 Gala**

*Telling the story of YWCA through our clients and partners!*

The 2nd Annual YWCA 1905 Gala surpassed expectations as YWCA supporters generously raised their paddles and opened their hearts to the mission of eliminating racism and empowering women. On behalf of the women and families we serve, Thank You!

Above left: Stalking expert and St. Louis Metropolitan Police Dept. Det. Mark Kurkowski reunites with Becky W. as both shared their respective experiences with the crime of stalking: Becky as a victim and Det. Kurkowski as a police officer who helped her. Her stalker was caught and jailed. Above right: Emcee Christine Buck interviews former Head Start mother Danielle Daniels and her daughter, Destinee. Danielle endured multiple bus transfers and a two hour commute each way to get her daughter to Head Start and herself to college. Today, both are thriving!

Above left: 1905 Society Co-Chairs Merry and Jim Mosbacher. Above center: YWCA Board Chair Barbara Bentrup and David Bentrup. Above right: 1905 Gala Co-Chairs Tom and Jane Wulf.

Google *crisis intervention* for a simple definition and you’ll likely find “a short-term response to a situation affecting someone physically or mentally.” It sounds simple, but anyone who has ever been in crisis (or had a loved one in crisis) knows ... it’s not a one-size-fits-all situation. We know it, too.

So whether our crisis intervention advocates are responding to a victim of rape in the emergency room or a survivor struggling to cope with past abuse; or helping a woman escape domestic violence or make a safety plan because she needs to remain in the situation for now... they are bringing a wealth of training, resources, experience and compassion. Crisis intervention may be the introduction but the continuing counseling and support offered by YWCA is the path to long-term safety, security and stability.
Maximize Your Profile!

There is no shortage of self-help guides telling women how to get ahead so we went one better - we asked three accomplished women to tell our audience, including the YWCA Leaders in the Workplace, how they achieved their success. The result was an informative, candid, funny, and revealing discussion on topics of work/life balance, discrimination, determination, and being your own best friend. Thank you to (from left) Lisa Nichols, Lethia Owens, and Allisonson Hawk, with Adrian Bracy.

Smart Women, Smart Money!

YWCA observed Smart Money Month by hosting a free financial education program focusing on issues of particular interest to girls and women at the Phyllis Wheatley Heritage Center in midtown. Connections to Success and Prosperity Connection joined YWCA for the program, which covered topics like Salary Negotiation, Job Interviews, College Prep, and LinkedIn. Thank you to presenters (from left) Alnita Smiley, Anne Petersen, Cassidy Dansberry, Darlyshia Menzie, Genevieve Friedmann, and Shalia Ford.

1905 Gala Kickoff!

Among the preview attendees: (From left) Board Member Kelly Baumer, YWCA CDO Kama Tate Gregory, SART’s Amy Vandeven, (Center) Hostess Pat Whitaker, YWCA CEO Adrian Bracy and (Right) Lydia Padilla, Jane Wulf, and Peg Mooney.

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YWCA Partners with SLU Students

Denim Day Raises Sexual Assault Awareness with Programs, Photos

Students of Dr. Emily Lutenski, Professor of American Studies at Saint Louis University, and the student-led Breaking Out Campaign collaborated with YWCA on Denim Day presentations. One exhibit displayed photos of student survivors holding quotations that illustrate their stories of survival.

Stand Against Racism Uses Social Media to Expand Reach

L. Michelle Lewis (far left), the Saint Louis University Director of the Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity was just one of the speakers sharing their experiences with racism during the Stand Against Racism events. Americorps Vista’s Luella Loseille (pictured with Lewis) developed a social media campaign for SLU students to snap selfies and take a Stand Against Racism (center and far right). Well done!
Volunteers and the YWCA service managers they support, from left: Anne Petersen, Genevieve Friendmann (WESP), Ann Armstrong, Nicole Hughes (Housing), Stacy Johnson, Michael Daugherty (Head Start), Jordan Crean, Maura Baker (Crisis Intervention)

Maggie Kloppenberg, Aimee Frey (Development), Volunteer Partner of the Year for YWCA: St. Louis Mental Health Board; and CEO Adrian Bracy with new YWCA Board of Directors members Kellie Lyons, Simone Cummings, Rachel Sealy, and Board Chair Barbara Bentrup

Additional Head Start volunteers were recognized separately:
Above, from left: Judge Judy Draper and Danielle Daniels; Regina Sullivan and Head Start Director Stacy Johnson; Judge Judy Draper and Tammi Holmes
Left: Stacy Johnson and Head Start Assistant Director Luis Ortiz present Head Start Parent Services Administrator a bouquet of flowers in acknowledgement of her hard work.

Congratulations also to Tequila Burges, 2018 Parent Volunteer of the Year; to University City Early Childhood Center, Top Partner Volunteer Hours Award; to YWCA Head Start Pagedale Center, 2018 Top Center Volunteer Hours Award; and to all our dedicated Head Start volunteers and staff!
YWCA Head Start Gets Speech Clinic; Playground

Representatives from Maryville University’s Walker Scottish Rite Clinic, the Missouri Foundation for Health, YWCA Head Start, and North County elected officials participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony at YWCA Head Start’s North County Center for a new speech and language clinic. Speech and language deficits and delays in children may lead to impairments in social interaction, behavior, and academic achievement with life-long implications. Identifying these problems early can mitigate the impact. For more information, call (314) 867-9522 x1214.

More than 50 employees of PNC Bank built a vocabulary playground for the YWCA Educare Head Start Center in Kirkwood. The playground features letters and words to enhance the children’s learning experience. In addition, the PNC volunteers assembled 20 tricycles for donation to the center. Thank you, PNC!
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Above (from left): YWCA Board members Karen Stover Stewart, Cathy Arshadi with Dr. Nasser Arshadi; Adrian Bracy, Michele Liebman, Barb Wilkenson; Grace Keeven, Barb Sondag, Steve Knight, Molly Cline; Board Member Denise Irby and Chad Irby

Above (from left): Laura Burkemper, YWCA Board Member Sara Stock, Ria Ruthsatz; Gregg and Sue Berdy, Rick and Lisa Gans, Board Member Jamie Zveitel Kwiatek (front); Lisa Gratop, Christine and Walter Smith, Jackie Dippel
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