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# Our Voice

32 Cottage Street, Lockport, N.Y., 14094

## Win top prize of \$10,000 at the annual 2010 Raffle

Tickets are on sale now for the YWCA of Niagara's 2010 Annual Raffle event will be held from 6 to 11 p.m. on April 10 at South Lockport Fire Hall, 5666 South Transit Road, Lockport.

Tickets can be purchased at the YWCA of Niagara, 32 Cottage St., Ticket prices are \$100.

Ten prizes will be awarded. Prizes include \$10,000 for first prize, \$700 for second prize, \$300 for third prize and \$250 for fourth prize. Raffle proceeds go to support the YWCA of Niagara Domestic Violence Education and Prevention programs.

Food will be provided by The Catering Crew, the YWCA of Niagara's catering business.

For the third year, honorary chairs for the event are Marc and Nancy Eglin of Lockport. Marc is retired from Delphi and Nancy works for Niagara County.

For more information, call 716-433-6714.

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*Carolyn's House*  
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## YWCA of Niagara 2009 Annual Fund Drive was a great success!

The 2009 Annual Fund Drive was very successful, according to YWCA of Niagara CEO Kathleen Granchelli.

"It was a very challenging financial year for everyone, but the community, our members, Board of Directors and staff pulled together and made this a great year-end appeal," Granchelli said.

The 2009 donors are:

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 Join the YWCA in taking a **Stand Against Racism** ▶ Friday, April 30, 2010

Put April 30, 2010 on your calendars and be prepared to take a Stand Against Racism.

The Stand Against Racism is a movement of the YWCA that aims to eliminate racism by raising awareness through its annual event.

All YWCAs are encouraged to attend and then organize their own events.

The goal is to bring people together from all walks of life—across the country—to raise awareness that racism still exists.

The YWCA of Niagara and the YWCA of the Tonawandas are working together to organize a Stand across Niagara County. Stand committee members will reach out to school districts and government agencies and the private sector to participate. More details will follow so keep an eye on the YWCA web sites for updated information. If you want to participate, visit the website at [www.standagainstracism.org](http://www.standagainstracism.org) to sign up.

### The Pledge:

*"As racism has become less visibly obvious since the 1960s, it has become easier for those not directly victimized by it to ignore it."*

- Clarence Page, 1996

Sign up now!

[www.standagainstracism.org](http://www.standagainstracism.org)

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\* denotes YWCA of Niagara Board of Directors and management staff.

## Help is a call away!

The YWCA of Niagara continues to take the lead in offering alternative to domestic violence programs.

The agency offers:

- **24-hour Crisis Hotline.** A trained YWCA of Niagara staff member answers the call and provides crisis counseling, emotional support, information about domestic violence and referral to other resources. The hotline number is 716-433-6716.
- **A safe home.** The YWCA of Niagara offers emergency housing for domestic violence victims and their children.
- **Advocacy program.** Trained YWCA of Niagara staff can assist victims through the family court, criminal court and police processes.
- **Counseling program.** The YWCA of Niagara offers individual counseling and an educational support group. These programs help women consider alternatives and solutions.
- **Children's group.** The YWCA offers a therapeutic support group for children who have witnessed domestic violence.
- **Community outreach program.** The YWCA of Niagara consistently provides the community with education, training and information about domestic violence.

For more information about these and other YWCA of Niagara programs, call the YWCA at 716-433-6714.

## YWCA now handling county-wide sexual assault services

In August 2009, the YWCA of Niagara added Niagara County Rape and Sexual Assault services to its comprehensive services to women and girls.

This program was previously offered by the Niagara County Office of Mental Health which continues to partner with the YWCA and the New York State Department of Health and Department of Criminal Justice Services.

"Given our decades-long history of service to victims of domestic violence, coupled with our mission to empower women, we strongly believe that it was appropriate and consistent with our role in the Greater Niagara County community to take on the role of Rape and Sexual Assault victim's service provider," stated YWCA of Niagara CEO Kathleen Granchelli.

The added victim's service program is multifaceted. The YWCA currently has nine trained

confidential victim advocates on staff who may respond to any hospital emergency room in Niagara County when a rape victim presents in need of treatment.

The advocates will assist a victim from the moment they request assistance, whether the initial meeting is in the hospital or police station. If a victim chooses to file criminal charges, an advocate will provide advocacy and assistance through the entire criminal justice process. Individual counseling is also provided to victims through this new service.

In addition to victim service,



**Smooth transition:** Members of the Niagara County Mental Health department and the YWCA of Niagara discuss the agency's addition of the rape crisis and sexual assault services previously provided by the county.

trained staff are committed to providing preventive education to schools, universities and community groups upon request.

For more information about this program or other YWCA of Niagara programs, call the YWCA at 433-6714 or visit the website at [www.ywcaniagara.org](http://www.ywcaniagara.org).

## Orange is going green, you can help

The YWCA of Niagara will go green—distributing its future newsletters via email.

The agency is in the process of transitioning to an E-newsletter.

"In addition to saving on trees, this move will also save on postage and printing costs," said YWCA of Niagara CEO Kathleen Granchelli.

Anyone interested in receiving a copy of the newsletter is encouraged to submit an email address to the YWCA of Niagara by logging onto its website at [www.ywcaniagara.org](http://www.ywcaniagara.org) or [www.carolynshouse.org](http://www.carolynshouse.org) and clicking on the contact us button.



The user should fill out the contact information form and type "for the newsletter" in the comment section.

Email addresses also can be phoned in to the YWCA of Niagara offices in Lockport by calling 716-433-6714 or to the Carolyn's House office in Niagara Falls by calling 716-278-9662, Ext. 10. Interested persons may also mail the requested information to YWCA of Niagara, 32 Cottage St., Lockport, NY 14094, or Carolyn's House, 542 6th St., Niagara Falls, NY 14301.

It only takes a few minutes to help the environment!

# Carolyn's House



## Celebrating 5 years! Carolyn's House prepares for 5-year anniversary event

The YWCA of Niagara's Carolyn's House opened its doors in August 2005 and has assisted 97 women and more than 110 children in obtaining safe, affordable housing coupled with support services.

This year marks the fifth anniversary of this successful housing program and the YWCA of Niagara is currently planning a celebration fitting for this milestone.

Watch the web sites—

[www.ywcaniagara.org](http://www.ywcaniagara.org) and

[www.carolynshouse.org](http://www.carolynshouse.org)—along with the

local media for more details on the event.

Carolyn's House provides transitional, supportive housing services to homeless women and children. Support services include an on-site culinary arts training program, GED and job readiness, Certified Nursing Assistant training, life skills programs that include parenting, domestic violence counseling, anger management, financial literacy and job opportunities for qualified residents and under-employed women with the YWCA of Niagara's full

service catering business, The Catering Crew.

The need for this type of housing is evident in the number of women and children who have been assisted by the program.

The program was named in honor of the late Carolyn Van Schaik, a Niagara Falls community activist with a passion for the city of Niagara Falls and its preservation.

For more information on Carolyn's House, or to arrange a tour, call 716-278-9662, Ext. 10.

## Catering Crew takes off at new airport

The Catering Crew, the full-service catering business operated by the YWCA of Niagara at Carolyn's House, now runs a food service café at the new Niagara Falls International Airport.

The Catering Crew Café opened for business at the new airport on Dec. 18 and services up to 10 flights a week with more anticipated to be added to the flight schedule. Flights are destined for Punta Gorda and Melbourne, Fla., and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Food service by The Catering Crew began at the old airport terminal in September and moved into the new facility once it opened for business.

This is a great opportunity provided by the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority. The social enterprise business, which was established as a way to support the on-site culinary arts program at Carolyn's House, employs residents and non-resident women who have gone through the culinary training at the Sixth Street location.

That 16-week vocational course, ini-

tially funded by the John R. Oishei Foundation, trains women for entry-level work at food service and hospitality businesses.

The John R. Oishei Foundation also provided a three-year start up grant for The Catering

Crew, which is in its second year of operation, said YWCA of Niagara CEO Kathleen Granchelli.



### Airport Menu



**Soup**  
Papa Leo's Pizza  
Gourmet Wraps

**Snacks**  
Cookies  
Chips Gum  
Granola Bar  
Candy Bar  
Muffin/Danish  
Hot Pretzel

**Beverage**  
Tea, Hot Chocolate,  
Coffee  
Soda  
Water  
Starbucks

## BOCES to start 3rd CNA class at CH

Certified Nursing Assistant classes are underway at Carolyn's House. The course, taught through Orleans-Niagara BOCES, provides on-site instruction, an on-site lab and off-site clinical sessions.

The class is open to Carolyn's House tenants and residents from the surrounding community who qualify.

Tuition costs include the uniform and state certification exam.

The next class is scheduled to begin in June.

For more information on the classes, call 716-278-9662.



## Guess what they did? Apparel company donates \$20,000

It started with a phone call from out of the blue.

Sue Wolfe, a Guess Inc. Regional manager for the Northeast Region, was looking for an organization that assisted children. She used Google and found Carolyn's House.

Sue and her associates wanted to find a way to increase an initial donation and after collaborating with the Carolyn's House staff, she and her crew decided to host a chicken barbeque at Carolyn's House. They coordinated a tent, bought and brought all the chicken and fixings—including the grill!

The crew served more than 160 dinners—specializing in curbside service on a rainy July morning—growing the initial donation to a total of nearly \$4,000. In addition, Sue and the employees donated numerous boxes of clothing, school supplies and household products.

Months later, Sue and many of the

same employees attended a corporate meeting in Las Vegas and told the story of Carolyn's House. The Guess owners, brothers Maurice and Paul Marciano, decided to donate \$10,000 each to the YWCA of Niagara program.

Sue and employees of her district came to a monthly luncheon at Carolyn's House and presented the \$20,000 check.

"We are certainly excited about the fact that Guess employees have decided to invest in Carolyn's House," said Kathleen Granchelli, YWCA of Niagara CEO. "It's even more gratifying when employees of an organization or company value your mission."

The generosity of this impressive group of people didn't end there. The Guess employees also bought and sent Christmas gifts to each resident and child. The YWCA of Niagara is grateful for this growing relationship with the Guess family.



Sue Wolfe (far right) presents a check for \$20,000 to Carolyn's House Director Teresa Martinez (white jacket) from Paul and Maurice Marciano—brothers and founders of Guess? Inc. through the Guess? Inc. Foundation. Other Guess employees pictured are: Lisa Kunej and Jackie Caratozzolo, Waterloo; Allyn Weisenburg, Erica Alders, Katrina Diaz and Cory Carroll, Niagara Falls; and Jerry Milne, Michigan.



(Right) Doug Adams of Ad-A-Sign in Wheatfield donated this sign to advertise the chicken barbeque for Carolyn's House. More than 160 dinners were prepared and served by employees of several Guess stores in the Northeast region..

## New program helping to help homeless at Carolyn's House

A new re-housing program to assist homeless families or families in danger of becoming homeless in Niagara Falls with financial and case management assistance is now operating out of Carolyn's House.

"Using stimulus funds to help prevent homelessness is an idea who's time has come," said Kathleen Granchelli, CEO, YWCA of Niagara.

The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) is funded through federal stimulus dollars and is a collaboration of agencies that include the City of Niagara Falls and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

(HUD), YWCA of Niagara, Community Missions, Neighborhood Legal Services and Niagara Falls Legal Aid Society Inc. and is available to families and individuals in Niagara Falls who meet the following criteria:

- Homeless or at risk of being homeless with no appropriate subsequent housing options and lacking the financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate replacement housing or to remain in existing housing;
- Having very low income;
- Niagara Falls resident

Financial assistance includes short-term rental assistance and arrears, medium-term rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, payments and arrears, moving and storage cost assistance, motel or hotel vouchers.

The housing relocation and stabilization services include case management.

Jane Killewald has been hired as the case manager. Her office is located at Carolyn's House where she meets with individuals to determine if they can be assisted by the program.

Call 716-278-9662, Ext. 20 for more information .

# Register now for Summer camp 2010

## Camps scheduled to run in Lockport and Niagara Falls

The YWCA of Niagara will once again be offering employment opportunities to local college students through the Grigg-Lewis Internship program.

Opportunities are open to any Niagara County resident currently attending college or seeking to begin college in the fall. The internships offer a chance to sample the working environment while getting paid.

The YWCA will be offering two Grigg-Lewis positions within its summer day camps. The first, a 35-hour a week sports and recreation director, will offer the student an opportunity to work with children and teach them recreation activities and

good sportsmanship. The student will implement a sports program which reaches out to all campers regardless of their athletic abilities and help instill a positive sense of accomplishment.

The second position is a dramatic arts counselor. This student will implement a dramatic arts program to provide campers with an overview of basic drama/musical skills. Instruction and fun rather than perfection will be the focus. The position is 35 hours a week. This will be a new program to the Lockport camp.

The camp will also be in need of qualified lifeguards in Lockport and Niagara

Falls. Applicants must be 18 years old and possess current lifeguard certifications. Advanced certifications in water safety instruction are also needed.

Camps are held at Niagara Street Elementary School in Niagara Falls, 2513 Niagara St., Niagara Falls. The Lockport camp will be held at a location to be announced at a later time.

Camps will include a variety of activities, recreation, arts and crafts and Friday field trips to spots throughout Western New York and Canada.

For more information, call Deborah Rogalski at 716-433-6714 or visit the website

## Spring athletic programs kick off

The YWCA of Niagara will begin another exciting season of girl's basketball and soccer.

A strong emphasis will be on fun, fair play, friendly competition and sportsmanship—all while sharing laughs, getting exercise and making new friends.

Playtime is equal for everyone regardless of experience. Programs will be held at the YWCA of Niagara, 32 Cottage St., Lockport. Payments may also be made at the YWCA. No membership is required for those interested in joining.

The girl's basketball will run for 8 weeks and will meet twice a week for one practice and a game. Grades 1 and 2 will meet just once a week.

A season-ending tournament will also be held. The soccer classes will meet once a week.

## YWCA Spring Sports Schedule

### Spring 2010 Girls Spring Soccer League

**8 weeks for \$25.00**

**Pre K.** Tuesdays, April 27– June 22, 5:15 – 6 p.m.

**K-Grade 1.** Wednesdays, April 28–June 23, 6:05 – 7:10 p.m.

**K-Grade 1.** Tuesdays, March 31-June 2, 5-6:05 p.m.

**Grades 2-4.** Thursdays, April 29-June 24, 5-6:05 p.m.

### Girls 2010 Spring Basketball League and Tournament

**8 weeks for \$25**

**Grades 1-2.** Mondays, April 26 –June 21—5 to 6 p.m.

**Grades 3-5.** Mondays, April 26– June 21—6:10-7:10 p.m.

**Game Night is Wednesdays, 6:10-7:10 p.m.**

**Grades 3-5.** Tuesdays, April 27-June 22—6:10-7:10 p.m.

**Game Night is Thursdays, 6:10-7:10 p.m.**

**Grades 6-8.** Mondays, April 26-June 21-7:15-8:15 p.m.

**Game Night is Wednesdays, 7:15-8:15 p.m.**

**Grades 6-8.** Tuesdays, April 27-June 22-7:15-8:15 p.m.

**Game Night is Thursdays, 7:15-8:15 p.m.**

### YWCA of Niagara Friendship Basketball Tournament

**Grades 3-5** Saturday June 5 —9:30 to 11 a.m.

**Grades 6-8.** Saturday, June 5– 12:30-2 p.m.

*Each team will play three 20-minute games*

For more information on spring registration and summer athletic programs, call the YWCA of Niagara at 716-433-6714. No membership is required.

# Nominations to begin for 2010 Niagara Awards event

The YWCA of Niagara's Niagara Awards: A Tribute to Women 2010 event will be Sept. 28 at Conference Center-Niagara Falls.

Applications for nominations are available on the YWCA web site at [www.ywcaniagara.org](http://www.ywcaniagara.org), the Carolyn's House web site at [www.carolynshouse.org](http://www.carolynshouse.org) or at the YWCA main office, 32 Cottage St., Lockport; or at Carolyn's House, 542 6th St., Niagara Falls. For more information on how to obtain a nomination form, please call 716-433-6714.

"We are gearing up for 2010," said Kathleen Granchelli, CEO of YWCA of Niagara. "It will be more exciting than ever. We will have a mystery guest speaker who is nationally known."

The co-chairs for this year's event are: Jane Schroeder and Flora McKenzie.

In 2009, 32 women were nominated in eight categories that include Education, Entrepreneur, Front Line, Health and Human Services, Management, Public Service, and Youth. In addition, a Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to a woman selected in advance of the event.

The Niagara Awards dinner, established by the board in 1997 as its major fundraiser, is the only event that publicly recognizes and honors women who make significant contributions to the Niagara County community specific to the YWCA's mission of empowering women and eliminating racism.

The eight 2009 winners were: Judith Willard, Education Award; Lisa Blas, Entrepreneur Award; Annette Argona Tomlin, Front Line Award; Ann Marie Tucker, Health and Human Services Award; Joan Aul, Management Award; Lora Allen, Public Service Award; the class of Mary Moley-Palacios, Youth Award; Dorothy Webster, Lifetime Achievement Award.



**Lifetime achievement:** Dorothy Webster of Lockport, pictured with Joanna Pasceri news anchor at Channel 7, won the 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award at the YWCA of Niagara's Niagara Awards celebration in September. Dorothy was among 32 women nominated for 8 categories that also include Education, Entrepreneur, Front Line, Management, Health and Human Services, Public Service and Youth.



(Above) Photo of new playground and recreation equipment purchased by students in Mary Moley-Palacios' class at Wilson High School. (Below) Teacher and students hold sign to show they raised \$800 in for the YWCA of Niagara's Safe Dwelling, which provides emergency housing for domestic violence victims.

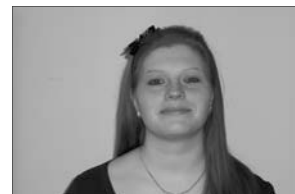


## Worth noting ...

### CH resident wins state award

Linsey Jimenez, a resident of Carolyn's House and recent certified nursing assistant graduate has been named an "Outstanding New York Association for Continuing/Community Education Student of the Year."

Linsey will be traveling to the Albany area in March for the 27th Annual Student Awards Ceremony.



Linsey Jimenez

Linsey and her two-year-old son, Jacob, live at Carolyn's House.

### New members join YWCA board

The YWCA of Niagara welcomes new members to its 2010 Board of Directors.

**Deanna Alterio-Brennen**, CEO of the Niagara USA Chamber of Commerce, **Mary Moley-Palacios**, a teacher at Wilson High School, and Joan Aul, of M&T Bank, have been named new members of the YWCA of Niagara Board of Directors.



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### Dog obedience class schedule

The spring session of the YWCA of Niagara's Dog Obedience Class is scheduled for March 5 to April 23 at 32 Cottage St., Lockport

Beginner classes run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and advanced classes run from 8 to 9 p.m. Cost per session is \$60 for YWCA members and \$95 for non-members.

For more information about the dog obedience classes call 716-433-6714.

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- **One in every four women** will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.
- An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.
- 85% of domestic violence victims are women.
- Historically, females have been most often victimized by someone they knew.
- Females who are **20-24 years of age** are at the greatest risk of nonfatal intimate partner violence.
- Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to the police.

#### HOMICIDE AND INJURY

- Almost **one-third of female homicide victims** that are reported in police records are killed by an intimate partner.
- In 70-80% of intimate partner homicides, no matter which partner was killed, the man physically abused the woman before the murder.
- Less than one-fifth of victims reporting an injury from intimate partner violence sought medical treatment following the injury.
- Intimate partner violence results in more than **18.5 million mental health care visits** each year.<sup>16</sup> The cost of intimate partner violence **exceeds \$5.8 billion each year**, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services.

-Source: [www.ncadv.org](http://www.ncadv.org)

For more facts about domestic violence, visit the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence at [www.ncadv.org](http://www.ncadv.org)

The YWCA has been a leader in the women’s movement for more than 150 years-providing a safe place for women. The YWCA is a global network of 25 million women and girls working in 122 countries and 22,775 communities—a movement where thousands of women volunteer and work daily—who are committed to creating justice, peace, health and human dignity in the world.