



WELCOME TO OUR

June Newsletter

A message
from our CEO



Dear YWCA Saskatoon Community,

As the summer season begins, we are reflecting on the incredible support from our community. Your kindness and commitment make our work possible, and we hope you enjoy a safe, relaxing, and memorable summer.

Warmly,



Cara Bahr, CEO
YWCA Saskatoon



In this newsletter you will find:

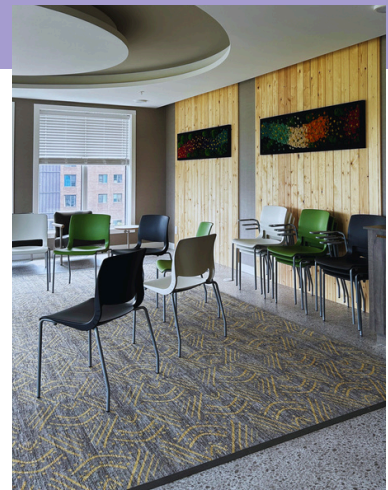
updates on all of our programs, new things in store, and more. Keep Reading!

Crisis Shelter & Residence

HOPEFUL HEARTS HOME IS NOW OPERATIONAL

Hopeful Hearts is now open! The addition of the 35-unit transitional housing wing will support our mission as we continue to provide refuge for women and children, often escaping violence and trauma.

Thank you to all who generously supported our cause, all staff who made this possible, and everyone who attended the Grand Opening in celebration.



Fitness on 25th

LOTS OF FUN THIS SUMMER AT FITNESS

Recently, we've been enjoying Fun Food Fridays at the Café! Special menu items are served like chicken pesto wrap and tacos in a bag! We are also excited for our upcoming Summer Camps, so be sure to visit our website for details and registration.

We are celebrating the success of this year's Y Race, where participants, donors, and supporters helped raise vital funds for women and youth wellness programs. Congratulations to SUGI COOKIES, Liz and Morgan, for taking home first place.



Child Development Centre

ITS A GREAT SUMMER FOR THE KIDS

Our Child Development Centre is operating at full capacity, with summer bringing outdoor activities, field trips, and time in Cindy's Garden, where children grow and harvest food for healthy meals. We are also excited to expand with 90 new licensed daycare spaces approved by the Ministry of Education, with plans underway for a downtown location to help serve more families.





Employment & Learning

BUILDING CONNECTIONS, GROWING CAREERS

YWCA Saskatoon's Employment & Learning Centre continues to offer programs that help individuals gain skills for meaningful, sustainable employment. On May 1st, we hosted a virtual Employer Information Session with Bobbi Janzen from SARC, highlighting careers in the disability service sector.

We also held a Quick Connect event on May 15th, bringing job seekers and employers together. Participants had the chance to enhance their skills through Foundations Learning's adaptability workshop and we are proud of our team for organizing these successful events.

Graham Women of Distinction

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS!

We were proud to honour 24 remarkable women at the 2025 Women of Distinction Awards, presented by Graham. This inspiring evening celebrated the achievements of women making a difference across many fields, while raising funds for YWCA Saskatoon's programs and services.

We are deeply grateful for the dedication and impact these women have made in our community. Thank you to every sponsor, volunteer and partner who helped make this event possible.



Lifetime Achievement Award



Elder Mary Lee

Young Trailblazers



Brianna Dodd and Namrata (Nami) Sharma

Health & Wellness



Dr. Michelle Pavloff

Business & Entrepreneurship



Christine Marie

Community Building



Namarta Kochar

Education



Kim de Laforest

Leadership in Athletics



Shannon Chinn

STEM



Dr. Ingrid Pickering

Women in the Trades



Alison Solmes

Pride Month 2025

This month we celebrated Pride, and YWCA Saskatoon is proud to support the LGBTQ2SIA+ community while advocating for inclusivity every day. Our team proudly marched in the YXE Pride Parade on June 22nd, and it was incredible to see the community come together.



Indigenous Heritage Month

June is Indigenous Heritage Month, and we took this opportunity to learn about the cultures that have shaped these lands. We are grateful to AFCS for providing our staff with Cultural Humility Training and proud to have joined the Rock Your Roots Walk on June 20th.



Coldest Night of The Year 2025

This year's Coldest Night of the Year event was a huge success, raising over \$55,000 and surpassing both our \$50,000 goal and last year's total. We are so grateful to our sponsors, participants, and donors for showing those facing adversity in our community that they are seen and they matter.



EmpowHER Luncheon

On March 5th, 2025, we celebrated International Women's Day at the EmpowHER Luncheon with an inspiring panel of women leaders, including Saskatoon Mayor Cynthia Block, Police Superintendent Tonya Gresty, lawyer and former FSIN Vice Chief Alyson Bear, and YWCA Board Member Jeannie Coe. Together, they shared powerful insights on addressing houselessness in Saskatoon and the impact of compassionate leadership.



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