

RE-OPENING

The YWCA Lewiston-Clarkston re-opened our doors on June 15, 2020 to the public again. We never stopped answering our 24 hour crisis line and helping those fleeing Domestic Violence, despite keeping our doors closed starting the end of March. We are equipped with both disposable and cloth face masks, as well as hand sanitizer, lysol, clorox wipes, and a heavy cleaning schedule.

LGBTQ+ SUPREME COURT RULING

We issued a statement in regards to the June 15th Supreme Court Ruling that makes it illegal for employers to discriminate because of a person's sex among other factors also covering sexual orientation and transgender status. KLEW interviewed our Director of Community Engagement who claimed it was a "great step in preventing discrimination of all kinds."

BLACK LIVES MATTER

It should come as no surprise that our local YWCA was in support of the Black Lives Matter Rally that was held on June 6, 2020, at Kiwanis Park. Some of the first words in our mission statement are "eliminating racism." Nearly 1,000 peaceful protesters assembled for the event.

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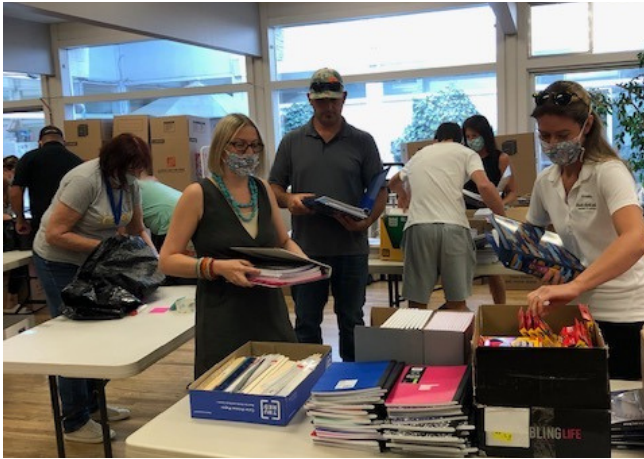
EMBRACE RACE COLOR RUN 5K

Our 3rd Annual Embrace Race Color Run 5k went virtual this year in light of the global pandemic. This meant that participants completed the race anytime and anywhere they wanted between that dates of June 13-June 26th. All of their race swag was delivered to their homes prior to the 13th. We asked the participants to take photos and use the hashtag #ywcaidaho so that we could see all of the supporters. If you haven't uploaded photos yet, it is not too late. We'd still love to see them. This year we had 118 register. Due to our amazing sponsors Optum Idaho, and Regence and those who registered we were able to make over \$5000.



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SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE & DISTRIBUTION



We held steady and did our Annual School Supply Distribution again this year, a tradition we've had for over 20 years. In the year 2000 we served 86 children over a 2 week span, and this year we provided over 850 kids with school supplies. This year we had to re-work how the distribution would go, as normally people start lining up at 5am and we have it inside our building. This year we did a 2 part drive up distribution. The first one was on August 20th at Clarkston High School, from 10am-3pm, and the second one was the next day, Friday the 21st at the old Lewiston High School. Karl Tyler Chevrolet lent us 4 large vehicles to load up all of our supplies to transport them. It was much more lifting than we were used to, but it went really well and we were able to get school supplies to virtually the same number as our past couple years. A huge thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and made this possible. Both LPD and CPD helped us immensely with traffic control.



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PIECE OF HOPE

The Stinker Station stores in Lewiston and Moscow have honored the YWCA the last 2 years in a "Piece of Hope" campaign they run to raise money for children involved in Domestic Violence. Each Stinker Store staff member shows great commitment by asking their customers if they'd like to fill out a puzzle piece and donate. This year, with one station under construction, they still managed to raise over \$5,000 for our local YWCA.

VOTER ENGAGEMENT

With the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment this year, our voter engagement committee is working diligently on educating ourselves on voting, from "how to," why people don't, to what do to if you are homeless, and the vast differences that unfold by the state division our valley faces. Our goal is to get at least 20 people registered to vote on September 22nd, National Voter Registration Day. So if you aren't registered, please come in and we will help you. We are also hoping to help out on Election Day, November 3rd in any way we can, whether we volunteer at the polls, or give rides to those who couldn't otherwise get into vote, we'd like to lend a hand in increasing voter participation.