



annapolis and anne arundel county

December 10, 2019

League of Women Voters of AA County
c/o 317 Eatons Landing
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear League of Womens Voters of AA County:

Thank you for your very generous gift of toiletries, diapers, blankets, baby items, paper towels, and cleaning supplies to the YWCA of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County received on December 9, 2019. Your support is critical in the organization's ability to serve almost 10,000 individuals affected by domestic violence and sexual assault annually.

This year, the YWCA has made great strides in growing the services available to survivors. We are very proud to report the completion and opening of the new domestic violence campus. This multi-acre site in an undisclosed location includes the **new and expanded safe house shelter**, The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Residence. This home provides emergency refuge for up to forty (40) individuals fleeing an abusive home. Case Managers are on site 24-hours a day assisting clients as well as answering the 24-hour crisis hotlines and providing hospital accompaniment.

The YWCA has also opened the new **Education & Wellness Center**. The Center provides dedicated space for education, financial literacy training, and job skills development for survivors. The second floor of the Center is home to Perilla Wellness, providing licensed acupuncture to individuals who have experienced trauma.

Beyond these services, the YWCA continues and expands our core programming including legal representation in peace and protective orders, licensed counseling (general, play, and art), court mandated abuser intervention courses, 24-hour hotlines, hospital accompaniment, support to minors engaged in trafficking, and community education and outreach initiatives.

While the journey continues, the resources and accessibility to emergency response services has grown significantly in recent years. The YWCA is a proud partner in a regional collective impact effort to provide an even more comprehensive continuum of care for survivors. We look forward to sharing the impact of these expanded services (GIS mapping to connect survivors to local resources, introduction of violence prevention initiatives in juvenile detention centers, increased counseling/support group locations, and more) throughout the year.

Thank you for being integral in the impact, reach, and success of the YWCA.

Kind regards,

Molly Knipe
CEO

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