



Celebrating 2022

empowerHER breakfast

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WELCOME TO OUR ANNUAL empowerHER BREAKFAST!

Welcome to empowerHER 2022! I am honored and blessed to have each of you gather with us today as we kick off Domestic Violence Awareness Month and celebrate the legacy, the contributions and the future of women and girls in our community.

Our mission of eliminating racism, empowering women continues to guide us and our dynamic team to show up for our community in everything from crisis services to achieving their educational goals. Our partners. Our community. Our team-makes this magic happen every day. YOUR support makes this happen every day!

For over 103 years, YWCA NH has been at the forefront of some of the most critical issues facing our community. Today, we celebrate that continued journey and re-commit ourselves to the work ahead.

Our growth continues to have a large impact in our community and we will continue on this legacy with each of you by our side.



In service and solidarity,
Jessica Cantin
CEO, YWCA New Hampshire

Here we are, again, at another empowerHER breakfast, celebrating YOU as supporters of the crucial and life saving work we do at YWCA NH. At YWCA NH, we are committed to providing resources and services for our community members who might often feel overlooked and misunderstood. It is through events like this one that we are able to ensure that partners, volunteers, and donors understand the tremendous impact each of you has on our work. With a mission like, 'empowering women, eliminating racism', we know that our work at YWCA NH would not be possible without each of you. Thank you for your continued support as we persist on our organizational journey.



In service and solidarity,
Emerald Anderson-Ford
Chief Diversity Officer, YWCA New Hampshire

Event Schedule

7:30-8:00AM NETWORKING & BREAKFAST

8:00-9:00AM PROGRAM

MC'ed by Emerald Anderson-Ford, CDO

- Welcome — Raquel Wojceshonek, Board Chair
- Community Building — SNHU, Lead Sponsor
- Special Guest Recognition
- YW Mission Moments: Join the Movement
- Advocate In Me Program Highlight
- EmpowerHER Awards
 - AIM Students
 - Natalie Barney
 - Pat Findlen
- Our Vision, Our Future
- The Power of our REACH
- Living Out the Promise

9:00-9:15AM THANK YOU & FAREWELL

Mission

YWCA NH is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.
YWCA NH will create a thriving community free from violence and oppression.

We will create an individualized experience for victims on their path of transformation.

PROGRAM OVERVIEWS

REACH Crisis Services

REACH Crisis Services is a program of YWCANH and one of 13 member programs of the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. This program provides free and confidential services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking. These services include a 24/7 crisis line; web chat and text line support; walk-in services; accompaniments throughout community; housing; and education and prevention programming.

SNHU Center for New Americans

The Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) Center for New Americans, hosted in partnership with YWCA New Hampshire, launched in December of 2017 to better serve the needs of the New American community in Manchester, NH. The program's foundation is a safe space that welcomes anyone who enters, no matter their path to get there.

Amiko Youth Program All youth attending the Center for New Americans are given appropriate transportation, a snack, and the ability to learn and grow. We also strive to build a more cohesive community in Manchester, and often host family dinner nights and other cultural celebrations for the community we serve.

Adult Programming For adults, SNHU partners with the YWCA NH to host the WELL, a space for wellness, education, language, and learning. This space seeks to advance continuing education for New Americans as well as create pathways for employment.

theWELL

theWELL is a program in partnership with Southern NH University and builds upon our work in the SNHU Center for New Americans. theWELL has four focus areas: wellness, education, language and learning through providing opportunities for all members of our community to access high quality education and wellness programming designed to enhance their lives.

Manchester Outright

Manchester Outright is a program focusing on providing advocacy and support for LGBTQ+ individuals. Manchester Outright helps to promote Queen City Pride and other events year round and runs a weekly LGBTQ+ youth support group.

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Legacy Award

Pat Findlen



Pat Findlen is an attorney and resident of Manchester. A feminist, she has been involved in the struggle against domestic violence since her undergraduate years. She continues the fight for reproductive freedom and supports organizations focused on women's rights and social justice. She was a member of the YWCA Board, served as Board Chair, engaged in fund raising, and was instrumental in the creation of the Center for New Americans, a partnership of the YWCA and Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) and housed at the YWCA building. Before moving to New Hampshire nearly 20 years ago, she had a small private practice law firm in Massachusetts. Since then, she taught various law courses at SNHU and has also worked for United Way of Greater Manchester. She and her husband, Paul LeBlanc, have a longstanding interest in international education and their named scholarship makes it possible for low-income students to study abroad. They also support a class of high school girls in Nairobi, Kenya, as well as Afghan refugee students and their families.

Today Award

Natalie Barney



Natalie Barney has been a youth educator for more than 20 years. Her experience includes gang prevention, behavior therapy, non-profit outreach, and school-based programming. Natalie, a first gen college student, graduated from Utah State University. She currently serves as the GEARUP Manchester College Access Coordinator at West High School. She is dedicated to her work with students, families

and community partners to bring enrichment and equitable opportunities to the youth of Manchester. Through Natalie's work with GEARUP, her courage to think outside of the box, and the partnership with YWCA NH, she has made a positive impact on and in our community.

Tomorrow Award

2022 Advocate in Me Students



22 students completed our pilot program of Advocate in Me in May 2022. Throughout the program, these students were given information and built skills around critical social issues, advocacy, and civic engagement. They were given a capstone project, where they could as individuals or pairs develop some plan or action

step utilizing the knowledge and skills they gained around a cause they were passionate about. These capstone projects demonstrated just how talented, intelligent, and passionate these students are about justice, equity, and working to make the world a better place.

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