

## **YWCA NWT Welcomes new Board Members, Releases 2024/25 Annual Report Highlighting Impact at AGM**

**YELLOWKNIFE** (October 14, 2025) YWCA NWT recently released Annual Report highlights the impact that the largest non-profit social services organization in the territory has had on more than 4,000 people across the Northwest Territories. The report, titled, [Rooted in Truth. Mission Driven](#) also includes additional details such as a financial overview and highlights, challenges and accomplishments of the past year.

New board members were voted in at the Annual General Meeting, held in September: Stacey Sundberg, Lorraine Maziriri, and Bianca Kotchea, who join current board members Kathy Spooner, Lynn Napier, Aida Nciri, Kate Wedzin, Rami Kaur, and Julie Green (President & Board Chair). The Board would like to thank Rose Jiang for her five years of volunteer dedication serving on the YWCA NWT Board. [Board bios](#) are on the organization website.

### **YWCA NWT Impact Report 2024-25 Highlights:**

- Safely housed 104 women with their 42 children at a family violence shelter
- Housed 167 families, including 163 children, and prevented another 127 families (111 children) from becoming homeless by paying rental arrears and/or outstanding utility bills. Also provided emergency housing for 35 families who would have otherwise been homeless
- Answered 2,433 calls on 24/7 emergency crisis line
- Housed 30 women, along with 30 children, at Lynn's Safe Place for Women who may have otherwise stayed in unsafe situations
- Engaged 152 participants in Indigenous Mental Wellness programming
- Provided inclusive, family-friendly programming for 537 children (along with 426 parents/caregivers) at the YWCA NWT Family Centre
- Offered safe spaces in a community safe home 33 times so women didn't have to leave their home community
- Protected 148 women and Elders with assistance obtaining an Emergency Protection Order
- Provided 731 hours of free legal advice and legal services to survivors of violence
- Engaged 108 youth in empowerment and leadership programs
- Offered 225 licensed after school child-care spaces

"YWCA NWT has provided life-changing supports and services to our clients again in 2024-25. My thanks to the volunteer board members for their leadership and their work on a new strategic plan that will strengthen our organization. I appreciate our dedicated, effective and hard-working staff, especially our executive director, Hawa," said Julie Green, YWCA Board President.

"This past year has been one of transformation, resilience, and deepened commitment to the communities we serve, marked by our ongoing efforts to acknowledge our past, confront difficult truths, and take meaningful steps toward reconciliation. As we reflect on the work of the past year, I am incredibly proud of what our team, partners, and supporters have accomplished together—and I want to thank everyone for believing in our work and for standing with us as we build a more just and equitable future for women, children, and families in the North. I also want to express my sincere gratitude to the Board of Directors for their ongoing commitment and dedication to our mission and

vision and for all their time and effort in supporting the organization,” said Hawa Dumbuya-Sesay, Executive Director, YWCA NWT.

Read the full [2024/25 Annual Report](#) on the YWCA NWT website, as well as the new [YWCA NWT Strategic Plan](#).

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*The YWCA NWT advocates for and serves Northern women, families and youth. We provide safe and supportive housing as well as a range of integrated and culturally relevant programs and services that contribute to their safety, empowerment, and ability to thrive.*