



YWCA NWT to Host Community Celebration Commemorating 60 Years of Service in the Northwest Territories

YELLOWKNIFE, NT (July 28, 2026) – YWCA NWT warmly invites the community to join us for a family-friendly celebration commemorating our 60 years of service in the Northwest Territories.

“Reaching our 60th anniversary is an extraordinary milestone and a testament to the resilience of our organization and the strength of our communities. For six decades, we have adapted, grown, and responded to the evolving needs of the North, providing safety, support, housing, advocacy, and opportunities that help individuals and families thrive. We are immensely proud of our legacy and sincerely thank everyone who has partnered with us throughout our journey. As we look ahead, we remain committed to building on that legacy through innovation, collaboration, reconciliation, and continued service to communities across the Northwest Territories,” said Hawa Dumbuya-Sesay, YWCA NWT’s Executive Director.

YWCA NWT began in 1966 and has since grown into one of the largest non-profit social services organization in the North. Today, YWCA NWT has more than 80 staff and a range of housing, family violence shelter, legal, childcare, family, and youth programs, which positively impact the lives of more than 4,000 NT residents annually.

“Celebrating 60 years is not only about honouring our history – it is about embracing our future. The Northwest Territories is a unique place, shaped by Indigenous leadership, vibrant cultures, and evolving communities. As YWCA NWT continues to grow, we are committed to ensuring that equity and representation remain at the heart of our work, continually evolving how we serve so that our organization reflects the voices, strengths, and aspirations of the people and communities we walk alongside,” said Rami Kaur, YWCA NWT Board President.

Celebration Details:

- Saturday, September 12, 2026
- 12pm to 4pm MT
- Mildred Hall School (5408 Franklin Ave, Yellowknife, NT)



This event is free and open to the public. There will be live performances from local musicians including Miranda Currie, Peekaboo Kazoo, and Tanya Snow, as well as free barbecue (while quantities last), face painting, bouncy castles, and more.

A performance schedule and other updates will be shared over YWCA NWT's Facebook page leading up to the event: <https://www.facebook.com/ywcanwt>.

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