

YWCA NWT Releases Annual Report at Annual General Meeting and Welcomes Four New Board Members

YELLOWKNIFE (October 22, 2024) YWCA NWT has released its [2023/24 Annual Report](#), highlighting the significant changes, challenges and achievements of the organization over the past year. The report was presented at the Annual General Meeting held on October 19, along with an overview of the organization's audited financial statements.

At the AGM, the Board of Directors welcomed four new members: Kate Wedzin, Perez Oyugi, Lynn Napier and Rami Kaur, who join current board members Rose Jiang, Kathy Spooner, and Julie Green (President & Board Chair).

"Five years ago, I watched the YWCA NWT transitional housing program fall apart when Rockhill apartments burned. Since then, staff have developed innovative approaches to providing transitional housing by supporting leases. Thanks to the efforts of both staff and the volunteer board, Gotili ko provides an additional 21 units of housing for families on 54 Street. I'd like to thank departing board members for their efforts steering and fundraising for the new building," said Julie Green, President of YWCA NWT,

"I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for YWCA NWT's incredible achievements this past year. The completion of Gotli Kò is a testament to what is possible when we come together as a community, and now families on our waitlist have a place to call home and our staff can be under one roof again," said YWCA NWT Executive Director, Hawa Dumbuya-Sesay. "Throughout the year, we have also continued with our advocacy efforts and worked with key partners to address family homelessness and violence against women, and together we have made significant strides in advancing our mission of creating safe, equitable communities where women, girls and families can realize their full potential."

Highlights of YWCA NWT 2023/24 Program Stats:

- Safely housed 124 women with their 49 children at a family violence shelter
- Housed 101 families, including 180 children, and prevented another 105 families (147 children) from becoming homeless by paying rental arrears and/or outstanding utility bills
- Answered 2,642 calls on 24/7 emergency crisis line
- Provided a space in a local safe homes 31 times so women didn't have to leave their home community
- Kept 148 women safe from their abuser through an Emergency Protection Order
- Provided 432 hours of free legal advice to survivors of violence
- Engaged 122 youth in empowerment and leadership programs, Dudes Club and GirlSpace
- Provided child-focused, inclusive programming to 297 children at the YWCA NWT Family Centre
- Offered 215 licensed child-care spaces at Yellowknife schools

Read the [full 2023/24 Annual Report](#) on the YWCA NWT website.

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