



YW COMMUNITY CONNECT



A beautiful summer evening in Lethbridge - July 2024

SEPTEMBER 2024

Career Fairs & Booths

We're heading out to meet our post-secondary crowd!

Find us at ...

U of L Career Fair - 09/18

Volunteer Expo - 09/19

Lethbridge Polytechnic - 09/25

OCTOBER 2024

SACPA Presentation

Leadership from the YWCA are honoured to be speaking at the October 3/24 meeting of SACPA. Join us at noon at the LSCO for an informative session with Jill Young, CEO.

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WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE

The 2024 Week Without Violence will be recognized from Oct. 15 to 18, wrapping up with our annual Take Back The Night Awareness March on Oct. 18. Find more information on our website or Facebook.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FALL/WINTER 2024

In September, autumn makes a comeback along with PSLs, cozy sweaters, and the YWCA's event lineup. Aside from attending career and volunteer fairs, the annual Week Without Violence, and back-to-school activities, the YWCA is excited to collaborate with various organizations in the upcoming months. Together, we aim to raise awareness, funds, and provide support to women and children in need. Details for these campaigns will be available on our website.

- Sept. 9 - Oct. 4 > the Shoppers Foundation for Women's Health *Giving Shelter* fundraising campaign
- Oct. 11 - Dec. 20 > the YWCA *Stockings of Hope* campaign
- Nov. & Dec. > the *Giving Machine*, a fundraising initiative by the LDS Church - more information at GivingMachine.org



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MEET OUR 2024-25 BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

The YWCA Lethbridge & District Board of Directors is delighted to introduce the amazing group of women from our community who have been elected to guide the organization for this next year.

The YWCA AGM was held on June 26 where our Board, staff, and members were treated to an engaging evening of updates on our progress, and plans for the future.

Becoming a voting member of the YWCA is one of the meaningful ways that you can support the organization and all of the work we do every day. Use the QR code to purchase your 2024-25 membership for only \$20.



Additional opportunities to support the YWCA are available through volunteering with the Board of Directors, or the programs & events at the YWCA. Find out more at [Get Involved or Join Us](#) on our website.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS



Staff, Board representatives, and guests joined the 2024 Pride Parade on June 22.

Enjoying an afternoon of celebration during the Indigenous Peoples Day festival at Galt Gardens, June 21.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Renovations in Harbour House

Through the months of July and August, we saw some transformative things happening in Harbour House; fresh paint, new furniture, and a bathroom revamp! Funding for this project was provided through a generous private donor within the community. Watch for the full release of info and updates in December!

Auction & Sale of Decommissioned Fitness Equipment

Heartfelt thanks go out to everyone participated in this fundraising event. Through the online auction of large pieces, and the indoor garage sale for the smaller items, we were able to raise over \$12,000! The funds from this initiative will be re-infused into the YWCA to support our programs and services.

Volunteering Opportunities

The YWCA is pleased to once again be working with Volunteer Lethbridge to advertise and bolster our volunteering program. New and ongoing opportunities will be posted on our website, and theirs. If you would like to join us as a volunteer, please visit

opportunities.volunteerlethbridge.com to sign up, and to find out the details of upcoming events.

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THE SECOND ANNUAL YWCA BENEFIT GALA - DEC. 3/24



The 2024 YWCA Benefit Gala

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of radical generosity. GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, it has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. The annual YWCA Benefit Gala, held on GivingTuesday, is an invitation to our community to enjoy a fun-filled glamorous evening, and support our organization. Watch our website and social media channels for ticket information! Connect with us at communications@ywcalethbridge.com to find out how you can get involved as an Auction Item Donor or an Event Sponsor!

YWCA TO BE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2024 GIVING SHELTER NATIONAL FUNDRAISING & AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Unfortunately, violence against women is far more common than we realize—two in five Canadian women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. Lethbridge recorded 1752 incidents of reported domestic violence in 2023. Many may not know that a friend, neighbour, or coworker could be affected by domestic violence, as 80 per cent of intimate partner violence cases continue to go unreported.

While many communities across Canada are experiencing a significant spike in intimate partner violence since 2020, shelters across the country lack adequate funds to support the high number of women and children escaping domestic violence.

Organizations like the YWCA help women who experience intimate partner violence, providing life-saving services such as emergency shelter housing in Harbour House, a 24-hour crisis line, safety planning & protection orders, access to meaningful community resources, and support for their children.

Shelters like ours need help urgently, and the Shoppers Foundation for Women's Health works to help women access the support they need. Here in Lethbridge, community members can support the YWCA Lethbridge by donating at all five local Shoppers Drug Mart stores from September 7 to October 4, as well as online at shoppersfoundation.ca.

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