

## What's Happening at YWCA Gettysburg & Adams County

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### A new message from the CEO's desk

At the YWCA, we're committed to empowering women of all backgrounds and providing vital programs and services to the community. We offer various membership options, including those covered by health insurance. These insurance-based memberships are a fantastic resource, making our services accessible to a wider range of the community. Notably, nearly half of our membership is through insurance membership. For example, in February 2024 there were 4,084 members on the roster. Of that, 1,959 were insurance access memberships.



At the YWCA, offering memberships at reduced rates to those who qualify through insurance providers, financial assistance, and those working a specified number of hours at the YW is important. Equally important are scholarships for youth to participate in programs like Basketball Skill Development, Swimming lessons, STEM camps, and more. One other way the YW empowers women of all backgrounds is by offering childcare subsidies to YWCA staff who work the required number of hours. This makes a big difference in YWCA staff having access to quality, affordable, and reliable childcare. The memberships, scholarships, financial aid, and employment benefits ensure everyone has an opportunity to thrive, but they also contribute to the operational expenses of the YWCA.

#### ***This is where your generosity comes in!***

By donating, you can help bridge the financial gap. Your contribution directly supports our ability to offer life-changing programs to women, senior citizens, and youth in need. Whether it's job training, childcare assistance, or critical support services, your donation makes a real difference. Will you donate to provide scholarships, expand outreach through new programs and services, and ensure quality facilities and resources for our members? Together, we can create a future where every youth, Senior Citizen, working families, and those in economically strained

households have the chance to develop healthy habits and empowerment.

Donate by sending a check to 909 Fairfield Rd or securely online at

[https://secure.lglforms.com/form\\_engine/s/cPpFhhEMV1BujB9QNXz2GQ](https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/cPpFhhEMV1BujB9QNXz2GQ)

Every dollar counts! Thank you for your continued support.

### ***EITC Tax Credit***

The YWCA is registered with the Department of Community and Economic Development as a Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship provider. S-Corporations, LLC, Partnerships, C-Corporations, etc... can name the YWCA of Gettysburg and Adams County in their application for tax credits in the year in which the contribution was made. Businesses authorized to do business in Pennsylvania who are subject to one or more of the following taxes are eligible to apply for EITC: Personal Income Tax, Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax, Corporate Net Income Tax, Bank Shares Tax, Title Insurance & Trust Company Shares Tax, Insurance Premium Tax, Mutual Thrift Tax, Malt Beverage Tax, Surplus Lines Tax. More information is found on the DCED's EITC web page:

<https://dced.pa.gov/programs/educational-improvement-tax-credit-program-eitc/>

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## **Cinco De Mayo - this Saturday!**

A special celebration, including lots of prizes! Winners of the raffle will be announced at the event! Prizes include a beautiful metal gazebo with installation by Alam B. Roofing, a YETI Cooler, a Solo Stove, a Basecamp 6-piece BBQ set, camp chairs, travel mugs, and gift cards from The Garryowen Irish Pub and Lark.

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Presents

# A Cinco De Mayo Celebration

## Saturday, May 4 Gettysburg Rec Park 2-6 pm

All Proceeds Benefit the YWCA of Gettysburg & Adams County

Join us for Authentic Mexican Food, Fun and Dancing with a Marachis and DJ  
Admission is FREE

Register to win an outdoor Gazebo with installation.  
Raffle tickets are available before and at the celebraton  
\$5 for one raffle ticket  
\$20 for five raffle tickets  
Tickets are on sale now at the YWCA





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The event is rain or shine!



### A Lifetime of Peacemaking

Congratulations to YWCA Advocacy Director Nancy Lilley! The Interfaith Center for Peace and Justice has awarded Nancy the Lifetime of Peacemaking Award. ICPJ lifts some community members who best embody the organization's mission, which is to promote respectful dialogue on peace, social justice, equity, multiculturalism, and environmental sustainability.

The Lifetime of Peacemaking Award is given to a resident who, over the long term, has made significant contributions to peace, justice, or environmental sustainability.” Some may remember Mrs. Lilley as a Gettysburg Junior High English Teacher and Wordly Wise grammar books. More

recently, Nancy has been referred to as the face of the YWCA due to her work as Advocacy Director. She has helped promote many different social justice issues within our community. Her non-confrontational approach and use of humor help meet people where they are while nudging our community toward inclusivity and acceptance. ICPJ recognizes Nancy's role in their longtime partnership with the YWCA and her work in supporting the annual Heritage Festival. A celebration for this year's honoree was held on April 30th at Valentine Hall. ICPJ donated \$250 worth of books or other materials to the Adams County Library System in the honoree's name.

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### ***Making A Splash***



Our Aquatics department is gearing up for a fantastic summer season. We'd like to give a big shoutout to Kevin Hardy for his dedication to safety and training. Kevin recently led a First Aid/CPR/AED class for our fitness attendants in March, ensuring they're well-equipped to handle emergencies. He also held a successful American Red Cross Lifeguard recertification class and a comprehensive Lifeguard Training course in April. These courses ensure our pool remains a safe and enjoyable environment for all.

We're offering another First Aid/CPR/AED class in early May, so keep an eye out for registration details. Practice sessions for our summer lifeguards kicked off on April 15th, and our popular Youth Swimming Lessons continue every Sunday throughout mid-May. With 66 students already registered, we're thrilled to see our young community developing their swimming skills.

### ***Nearly New: Total Success***



The Nearly New Sale is a great example of how a small group of dedicated volunteers can make big things happen. A huge thank you goes to Amy Beck for all her efforts in organizing, setting up, running, and dismantling the sale. We also extend our appreciation to all of you who generously donated or consigned items. Members of the YWCA Board of Directors Kara Boehne-Miele, Susan Cole, Maria Erling, Julie Haller, Emily Knowles-Kellett, Ana Sanchez-Gerhart, and Cara Smith along with some of their family members, also lent a helping hand. The Nearly New Sale is a great way for families to sell and purchase gently used clothing, shoes, toys, books, games, and more. It also serves as a fundraiser for the YWCA. Unofficially the sale raised a fantastic just over \$4,700 for the YWCA! These funds will be used to support our vital programs and services.

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**Echoes From The Past**

**A New Community Partner**



Every year thousands visit Gettysburg, home of the famous battlefield and the cemetery where Abraham Lincoln uttered the immortal words that gave the battle a higher meaning. Now hear the story from the point of view of local people of color whose lives were changed by these momentous events.

Join local historian on May 19th for a very special walking tour. Details on the [YWCA Advocacy Page](#).



Welcome to Adams County Literacy Council! ACLC moved into rooms 4, 5, & 6, just off the lobby during the week of April 22nd. This move brings Adult Basic Literacy, English as a Second Language, and GED classes accessible via the Rabbit Transit Blue Line and within walking distance of the borough! Supporting adult learning by making room for ACLC at 909 Fairfield Rd. aligns with the mission of the YWCA.

## Let The Spirit Move You



The Spirit of Gettysburg Virtual 5K is underway! What is your plan to participate? Registration is open! Will you organize a neighborhood, friend, family, or coworker group to walk or run together? Make a plan, register, go the distance, earn a Spirit of Gettysburg Virtual 5K T-shirt, and support the YWCA with your \$25 entry fee. Scan the code or [click right here to get started!](#)

## Spin-a-thon!



**Date:** May 18, 2024

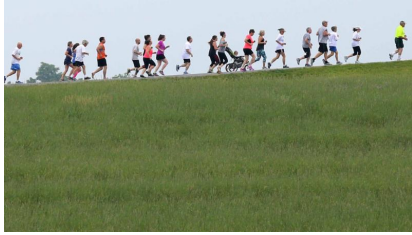
**Time:** Five 1-hour sessions offered throughout the day (specific schedule to be announced soon)

**Location:** YWCA Group Fitness Studio (or designated spin room)

**Cost:** \$25 registration fee (all proceeds go towards reducing the YWCA's electric bill); Sign up for multiple time slots at a reduced rate for just \$10 more for each additional session- 2 sessions for \$35 up to 5 sessions for \$65

**Bikes Available:** 20 (limited spots available!)

Energizing music and motivating instructors. Five sixty minute sessions to choose with the first one starting at



8:00 AM and the last one ending at  
1:40 pm

## Programs For Youth

### The Skill To Win



Registration is now open for *Basketball Skill Development*, with Adams County Sports Hall of Famer, owner of Twitch Athletics, and YWCA Member, Lawrence Williams! The program is for 4th grade through College age on Tuesday and Thursday evenings as well as Saturdays at the YWCA. Scholarships are available from the WellSpan Inspire Youth Development Grant award to the YWCA.

Click for more info and  
to register.

### Throw Like A Pro



Participants will learn how to play the exciting game of cornhole using ACL Pro Bags on Competition Boards. The cornhole classes are for youth in grades 3-6. The classes will meet twice a week from 4:00-5:00 pm, on Mondays and Wednesdays from May 6 through May 29. A maximum of 8 can participate. Mr. Larry is a competitive cornhole player and employee of the YWCA. More details soon!

### Childcare Update

Current enrollment in child care is 137. There are eight open spots in the Child Enrichment Program and six open spots in Pre-K Counts. Registering a three or four-year now for the remainder of this Pre-K Counts school year is a gentle introduction to preschool, a jumpstart for kindergarten, develops social and language skills and ensures a smoother start to the next school year. The YWCA has small class sizes, meeting or exceeding the required student-to-teacher ratios, and qualified teachers. This ensures your child gets personalized attention and a positive learning experience. For more information or an application, [visit our](#)



The date is nearly here...but there's still time. Click on the poster to enter!

A green poster with an orange border. The text is in white. It features a tennis racket in the top left and bottom right corners, and tennis balls in the top right and bottom left corners. The background has a grid pattern at the bottom and a dotted pattern on the left side.

**SAVE THE  
DATE**

**22ND ANNUAL  
GETTYSBURG TENNIS  
TOURNAMENT**

**SATURDAY, MAY 11TH**

Starts 9:30 at Gettysburg College Courts  
Rain date Sunday, May 12th

**Benefits the YWCA of  
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**As always, thanks to our community!**



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