

Tribute to Women May 2005

Presented by the YWCA, the 22nd Annual Tribute to Women was held on May 12th of this year. Keynote speaker **Middlesex District Attorney Martha Coakley** and **Senator Sue Tucker** presented awards to 22 women of achievement from throughout the



**Middlesex District Attorney
Martha Coakley**

Merrimack Valley. Sponsored by **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Dec-Tam Corporation, The Savings Bank, CA Courtesy Demos and Wyeth Biopharma**, the event brought more than 400 guests together to celebrate the accomplishments of women business and civic leaders and to raise important resources for YWCA programs.



22 honorees at the 22nd Tribute to Women

The 2005 Tribute to Women Honorees included:

- Jamie Anderson of Westford**
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- Doris Anziani of Lawrence**
Lawrence Fire Department
- Mary Ellen Ashley of Bradford**
Northern Essex Community College in Lawrence
- June Black of Lawrence**
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- Dolores Calaf of Lawrence**
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- Kristen Dionne of Lawrence**
Ready Set Go! Gym and Dionne's Karate School
- Patricia Gannon of Winchester**
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- Jo-Anne Grella of Methuen**
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- Eileen Regan of Methuen**
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- Donna Rivera of Haverhill**
Merrimack Valley Area Health Education Center
- Bonnie Roberts of Newburyport**
Under the Sun
- Madhu Sridhar of Andover**
League of Women Voters of Massachusetts
- Joan Stygles Hull, of Bedford NH**
Home Health Foundation
- Dr. Jane Ann Williams-Vale of Wilmington**
Merrimack Valley Family Practice
- Liliana Zagaria of Lawrence**
Lawrence General Hospital

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Tribute to Women

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Senator Sue Tucker, YWCA Girl of the Year Martha Pumbo, and Executive Director Becky Hall at the Tribute to Women.

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the ywca in pictures



Clockwise from top: Kindergarten Graduation at the YWCA; Kids at Camp Y-Wood; Jennelle A. Mercedes and Alejandra Garcia at the Day of Beauty ; Fina house under construction; Board members Carolyn Collins and Kara DiFruscia at the June Tribute Honoree Reception; and Mary Claire Kennedy and Honoree June Black with her daughter at the Tribute to Women.



old cell phones put to good use

Cell Phone Drop Off Sites

Thanks to all of our regular drop off locations. Visit any of these generous supporters and donate your cell phone.

In Lawrence:
Paul Mitchell Salon
Unik Wireless

Other locations:
Curves, North Andover
@ Wireless, Andover

Used cell phones fund domestic violence and rape crisis programs

Special thanks to corporate and individual friends who have hosted cell phone drives to support the YWCA's Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Programs.

Phones are shipped to a remanufacturer and the YWCA receives a proceed for each phone. Phone proceeds directly fund YWCA services, including hotline staffing, counseling, education, police advocacy, court services, medical advocacy, transitional housing and other services to help victims and their families. By gathering and donating cell phones into recycling programs like this one, you can also spare the environment the burden of hazardous waste. If you'd like to host a drive or volunteer to be a drop off site, please contact Andy Polanco at 978-687-0331 x1036. We are very grateful for all of our friends who hosted a drive, donated a phone, or allowed us to use their business as a drop off site.

ywca women's services



From left: YWCA's Mary O'Brien with Linda Brantley of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Atty. Erna Koch, Workforce Investment Board, and Gretchen Arntz, Emmaus, Inc.

The Commission on the Status and Role of Women met at the YWCA in May for a presentation of the Commission's latest report, *Real People - Real Pain; The effects of the Fiscal Crisis on Women and Girls in Massachusetts*. The purpose of the Commission is to advance women toward full equality in all areas of life and to promote rights and opportunities for all women. The Commission exists to provide a permanent, effective voice for women across Massachusetts.

On May 29th, Dominican Mother's Day, **Christina Lopez of Christina's Professional Hair Center** opened her salon to raise funds for YWCA programs benefitting women. Many local hairstylists donated their time and talent, clients benefited from excellent services, and the Women's Health Advocacy program received \$1,400 from the Day of Health and Beauty. Many thanks to those who participated, both stylists and patrons!



Above, Christina Lopez with a client. At left Jaimee Olivio, Pavielle Lora, and Jamiles Lopez provide educational health information on Breast Cancer Awareness for those at the Day of Health and Beauty.



Police Officer Training in Domestic Violence

The YWCA recently provide training to the Lawrence police and probation departments on the following topics in the area of Domestic Violence: Restraining Orders, Dual Arrests, Sensitivity to the Victim, Stalking Laws, Identifying the Dominant Aggressor, and Assessing the Lethality of the Batterer.

The YWCA partnered in the effort to train local police with the Lawrence Police Department, University of Mass Lowell, the Department of Criminal Justice, and the Probation Department after receiving a grant entitled *"Supporting Police Responses to Family Violence Through Information Technology: The*

Development of the Integrated Family Information System for the City of Lawrence" from the Office on Violence Against Women. Dr. April Pattavina was the grant coordinator, and Lt. Jon Tiplady, a retired police officer from Danvers, was the lead trainer with Nancy Cruz, YWCA Legal Advocacy Coordinator.

The technology involved the coordination of a computer tracking system to ensure communication between the police and the probation department. The system will be used to track offenders and protection order status. The YWCA trained more than 65 police officers this spring.



children and youth

Reading Readiness



Lawrence Mayor Michael Sullivan reads to 2-year old Jadryis Polanco

Volunteer Jackie Williamson reads to preschoolers in their classroom at the YWCA.



Reading readiness has been incorporated into the everyday lives of the infant, toddler and preschoolers at the YWCA, encouraging the importance of reading to young children before they can read themselves. The YWCA celebrated the **Week of the Young Child**, inviting volunteers into the classroom to share their love of reading with the children.

Girls Center - Girl of the Year

Martha Perdomo was awarded the Girls Center Girl of the Year at the Annual Banquet held in March. The following girls were also presented with Girl of the Month awards:

- April 04- **Martha Perdomo**, Parthum School, Age 11
- May 04- **Ivelisee Rosario**, Age 13
- June 04- **Jaime Olivo**, Parthum School, Age 13
- September 05 - **Reyna Yero**, Whetherbee School, Age 9
- October 05 - **Lizbeth Gomez**, Oliver School, Age 9
- November 05 - **Xabriera Jimenez**, West St. Charter, Age 8
- December 05 - **Ismarely Gabin**, Leonard School, Age 12
- January 05 - **Teresa Santana**, Leahy School, Age 10
- February 05 - **Rhaisa Rhoden**, Guilmette School, Age 9
- March 05 - **Natasha Aybar**, SLE, Age 12

Dance Your Way to Fitness – a Youth Wellness Initiative

The YWCA of Greater Lawrence is pleased to announce the receipt of two grants to foster good nutrition and fitness for the Lawrence Community. The Merrimack Valley General Fund at the Essex County Community Foundation has provided a grant that will empower participants to develop effective habits around fitness and nutrition. Beginning with 50 youth ages 6-18, primarily from Lawrence and Methuen, the initiative will encourage exercise through dance, wellness education for students and parents, and educational/literacy support. The program will promote self confidence, healthy eating and dietary habits, as well as work to educate the participants to the consequences of a poor body image such as early pregnancy, substance abuse, smoking, and violence and abusive relationships. Using dance instruction and practice as a healthy exercise, the program will



Juliet Nagle of the Essex County Community Foundation and Lee Woodbury from the YWCA

encourage the ability to work cooperatively, and the pride and confidence in the practice and mastery of dance.

The second grant is a CHNA II Community Health Improvement grant to enable the YWCA to assess nutrition and fitness among Lawrence youth ages 10-18, and plan for relevant and effective wellness programming around fitness and healthy nutrition for young people in greater Lawrence. Overweight and obesity among all ages are at epidemic proportions in our society. Nationally, the incidence among youth age 6-19 has quadrupled in the past 40 years. We believe that it is critical to identify ways to intervene at an early age by empowering our youth to develop preventative health practices around nutrition and exercise that can help them avoid diabetes and the many other health risks associated with being overweight.

scholarships for girls

The YWCA's was proud to be a participant in two scholarship opportunities for high school senior girls in 2005.

Susan L. King scholarship

The YWCA of Greater Lawrence and the Women in Leadership at Lucent Technologies - Massachusetts Chapter (WILL-MA), are pleased to announce the recipient of the 2005 Susan L. King Scholarship, Amy E. Musgrave. Amy is a resident of Chelmsford, MA, and has graduated from Chelmsford High School.

Amy was chosen from 34 outstanding female applicants and will receive \$3000 to apply to her college studies. She plans to attend the University of Massachusetts Lowell this fall as a Civil/Environmental Engineering major. In addition to her outstanding academic achievements, she has been active as a Class Representative in Student Government, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and National Honor Society. Her leadership qualities are demonstrated by her volunteer commitment to various charitable organizations, community service projects and fundraising, her church and youth ministry. She has supported the Jimmy Fund, House of Hope, Philoxenia House, and Chelmsford 24-Hour Relay Challenge.

The Susan L. King Scholarship was created in memory of a long-time Lucent Technologies engineer, who lost a five-year battle against cancer. Sue King was a graduate of Northeastern University, attended Boston University, and served in the Army Corps of Engineers. She held many technical and leadership positions at Lucent Technologies. Sue was a resident of North Andover, a mother, wife, avid golfer, and member of the Trinitarian Congregational Church in North Andover.

The YWCA Bright Future Award

Sponsored by Lawrence Savings Bank and awarded annually at the YWCA's Tribute to Women luncheon in May, the YWCA Bright Future Award recognizes a female graduating senior for her all-around excellence. The award mirrors the criteria of the Tribute to Women, recognizing the importance of success in a chosen field, community service and being a role model for others. The 2004 Bright Future Award was presented to Alyssa Baglieri of Methuen.

Alyssa, a National Honor Society member from Methuen High School, exemplifies the YWCA's commitment to empowering women, and being a role model for others. Planning on attending the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, she will major in Psychology in their honors program. Alyssa has spent much time volunteering for Best Buddies and has worked with students in the Special Education department on a daily basis. This commitments has led her to decide her course of study in college.



Alyssa Baglieri (center) accepts the Bright Future Award from Becky Hall of the YWCA and Paul Miller from the Lawrence Savings Bank

Newly Appointed



Vilma Lora was recently promoted to the position of Director of Women's Services with the YWCA.

Vilma has been with the agency for thirteen years, working with Health Advocacy and Women's Domestic Violence departments.



Nancy Kieran has been appointed to the position of Director of Development at the YWCA. She comes to

the agency with over ten years of fundraising experience. Prior to accepting the position at the YWCA, Nancy was the Director of Development at the North Shore Arc in Danvers.

The YWCA is pleased to announce two appointments to our Board of Directors: Christina Minicucci of Northpoint Realty and Robyn LeBuff of Lawrence Savings Bank. The election was held at the June meeting.

your gift is important

Your donation to the YWCA can help bridge the gap for many women, children, and families at risk - supporting programs that make a difference in the Merrimack Valley.

100% of the women and children in our domestic violence housing programs came to the YWCA homeless, often carrying their only possessions with them.

-One week in the YWCA Residence for homeless, formerly battered women costs \$125

100% of the women in the YWCA who were linked to free breast and cervical cancer screenings have no insurance to otherwise cover such vital preventive care.

-Transportation to and from a mammogram visit in the Women's Health Advocacy Program costs \$20

Nearly 100% of the children in the YWCA early childcare program are from working, single-parent homes with an average annual incomes of just \$15,000.

-One visit from a specially-trained Girls Center advocate costs \$75.

The most dangerous hours for children are between 3 and 7 pm.

-\$50 will give a girl the opportunity to enroll in a 12-week after-school enrichment class

A donation to the YWCA is fully-tax deductible and can be made to the YWCA's Annual Fund for general operating and program support at any time of the year.

You may also restrict your gift to certain YWCA programs or efforts. Most programs are mentioned on our website and we invite you to make an appointment for a personal visit and tour. Please contact Nancy Kieran, Director of Development.

Strengthened by diversity, it is the mission of the YWCA to draw together members who strive to create opportunities for women's growth, leadership, and power in order to attain a common vision: peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all people.

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Please use this form to send in a donation to the YWCA - your support helps us provide services for at risk children and youth, domestic violence and rape crisis services, and health services for women in need.

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Wine Tasting & Silent Auction

November 11, 2005 at the
Andover Country Club



To reserve tickets or to donate to the Auction, please call Nancy Kieran at 978-687-0331 x1021

Join us on September 28th from 4-7 pm as we celebrate the opening and dedication of

Fina House



YWCA Fina House, a new 20-unit housing initiative, which will provide safe, dignified, and supportive housing and services to individuals, women, and children, including formerly battered women, teen mothers and the disabled.

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