



Happy Pride! This month marks the anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, famously sparked by the “shot glass heard ‘round the world” during a police raid at the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York City. The six-day uprising, led by courageous BIPOC LGBTQ+ activists like Sylvia Rivera and Marsha P. Johnson, ignited a global movement that continues today through Pride marches, parades, and various celebrations worldwide.

At YWCA Missoula, we are deeply committed to our mission of eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. While we strive to be a welcoming space for everyone, we recognize the additional barriers and unique challenges faced by our LGBTQ+ community members when it comes to finding housing, leaving violent relationships, or accessing necessary help.

To learn more and get involved, watch the short [Stonewall Forever documentary](#), read Nic Rodríguez Villafaña’s article [“As a Nonbinary Latine, I Am My Own Wildest Dream”](#) about their gender journey navigating societal expectations and family dynamics, and join us at [Missoula Pride](#) from June 14-16. Visit our table at the block party this Saturday the 15th!

Everyone deserves safety, support, and access to resources, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation. Together, we can build an equitable and just community that celebrates all identities.

In Possibility,
Jen

PS- Plus, join us and the larger Missoula in celebrating Freedom Day, Juneteenth, on June 19th! Details below.

New & Noteworthy

Join us! Supporter Appreciation Night, June 18th

All donors, volunteers and friends of YWCA Missoula are invited to join us for our annual Supporter Appreciation Night on **Tuesday, June 18th, 5:30 PM, at Ten Spoon Vineyard**. Enjoy appetizers, live music and good company. Bring your friends and family!

[RSVP here](#)

Juneteenth Community Celebration

Everyone is invited to celebrate Juneteenth with the [Montana Black Collective- Missoula](#)! There are two days of events:

- Tuesday, June 18th, 7 PM: **Do the Right Thing** film screening and panel discussion at The Roxy
- Wednesday, June 19th, 11 AM: community celebration with speakers, music, food, and art at Fort Missoula

Juneteenth is a national holiday commemorating the date on which the last enslaved African Americans learned — more than 2.5 years after the Emancipation Proclamation was announced — that slavery had ended in the United States. For the YWCA, it is a day to celebrate freedom and the progress made since then while reflecting on what remains until America can truly be a place of opportunity for all.



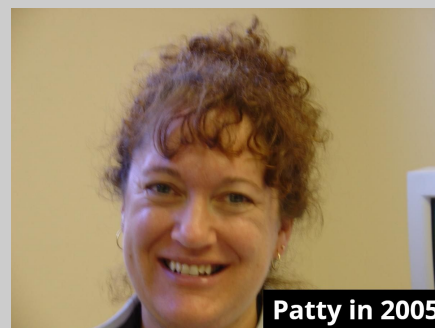
Dedication of *Frankie's Kitchen*

We are honored to announce the dedication of *Frankie's Kitchen* at The Meadowlark, where meals for Tuesday night support groups are lovingly prepared each week by our volunteers. Frankie Flaherty was a devoted and generous YWCA Missoula supporter and volunteer, and one of the founding members of our Tuesday night meal program. Frankie will be dearly missed and forever remembered.



Patty Murphy Celebrates 25 Years With YWCA Missoula!

We are thrilled to celebrate Patty Murphy's 25th anniversary with the YWCA! Currently serving as our Director of Programs, Patty's journey began in our Pathways domestic violence program, where she served as the Shelter Coordinator/ Manager. Patty has also led our transitional and emergency housing programs. Passionate about our mission, Patty says, "I believe in the work of the YWCA and have witnessed countless success stories. Our programs uniquely support survivors at all stages with trauma-informed advocacy, validating and empowering them along their healing journey." Congratulations, Patty, and thank you for your dedication!



Program Updates

GUTS! Summer Camp: Sign up Today!

Do you know any 5th-8th graders looking for an unforgettable summer experience? There are

still **a few spots available** in our GUTS! summer outdoor adventure camps! Our camps help participants build healthy relationships and self-confidence while having a blast outdoors.

Camp dates:

- June 24-28: incoming 5th & 6th graders
- July 8-12: incoming 5th & 6th graders
- August 5-9: incoming 7th & 8th graders

[Learn more and register](#)



Help Us Reach Our Goal to Support Kids! Youth advocates empower children at The Meadowlark

Discover the impact of our Youth Services Program! Watch the short video below to see how YWCA is empowering the children in our shelters through education, mentorship, and community support. [Click to be inspired.](#)



You can make a difference! [Give here.](#)

Get Involved

Donate Baby Items to Families at The Meadowlark

Our family housing center is currently in need of **diapers, wipes, formula, and baby monitors** (new or *gently* used). We have lots of babies staying with us in shelter now! You can order these items from our [Amazon wish list](#) and have them shipped to us directly- just select YWCA Missoula shipping address at checkout! Donations can also be dropped off at The Meadowlark front desk, 1800 S. 3rd St. W., Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm.

[View Wish List](#)

Employment Opportunities

Join our team and make a difference in the community! We're currently hiring for the following positions:

- Finance-Billing Specialist
- Planet Kids Visit Monitor
- Pathways Advocate
- Housing Stabilization Case Manager
- Office Manager
- Family Housing Center Overnight Advocate

[Learn more and apply](#)



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