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Kevin Washington, president and CEO of Y-USA, shares a message of compassion for children and families at the border.



Community members at the New American Welcome Centers across the Twin Cities learn vital information through newly-donated iPads.

YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities Social Responsibility Spotlight

CHILDREN, FAMILIES AT U.S. BORDERS DESERVE COMPASSION

A message from Kevin Washington, president and CEO of Y-USA:

At the Y, we believe **all people – no matter where they're from – deserve to be treated with dignity, compassion and respect.** We also believe children and families need to feel safe, secure and connected to thrive.

While we are relieved that children no longer will be separated from their families at the United States/Mexico border, we remain concerned about the welfare of the thousands of children who already have been taken from their parents and all those held in detention centers. The trauma of separation and detention will have lasting, adverse effects on the physical and emotional health of these children and adults. We hope future decisions **accelerate the reunification of families in safe, nurturing environments.**

For the full message, please visit ymca.net/compassion.

NEW AMERICAN WELCOME CENTERS RECEIVE IPAD DONATIONS

Last month, the YMCA New American Welcome Centers (NAWCs) received 162 donated iPads from the Minnesota Super Bowl Host Committee which will be distributed among the six NAWCs in the Greater Twin Cities. The iPads provide newcomers the opportunity to receive higher quality programming by:

- Learning how to set up an email address, navigate the web and search and apply for a job online
- Using an online course on financial literacy, provided by EVERFI, to learn financial concepts and manage their personal finances
- Experiencing Ignition – Digital Literacy & Responsibility, provided by EVERFI, to learn how to leverage technology safely and effectively
- Studying for citizenship exams
- Improving English by practicing

NAWCs are located at the Emma B. Howe, Ridgedale, St. Paul Eastside, River Valley, Blaisdell and Burnsville YMCA locations. To learn more about the NAWCs, please contact Bruce Yang at bruce.yang@ymcamn.org.



Community members attend first Men's Health Symposium at Cora McCorvey YMCA.

CORA MCCORVEY YMCA HOSTS FIRST MEN'S HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

The Cora McCorvey YMCA partnered with Shiloh Temple Ministries to host the first YMCA Men's Health Symposium on June 23. The event began with a welcome from Glen Gunderson, president and CEO of the YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities. Bishop Howell from Shiloh Temple spoke on the disparities in lower-income communities regarding education and resources in men's health. Patience Ferguson, YMCA board member, spoke on behalf of Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, and highlighted the Mayor's commitment to support the health of Minneapolis communities.

Over 100 community members attended the event, with the opportunity to collect information and resources from 19 community partners. Cora McCorvey Community Board members held a Faith Walk and distributed box lunches donated by the Mayo Clinic to those in attendance.

Kari Davis, Cora McCorvey executive director, shared "The Northside is more than just a community. It is family, it is home. We need to stay informed about how to take care of one another. Continued efforts on staying informed about the health disparities affecting our community due to lack of resources remains to be important. That is why we are here. The Y is here to be a resource to the community."

YMCA HONORS DEPLOYING SOLDIERS

With a large deployment happening in the Twin Cities this month, the YMCA partnered with the Department of Defense to offer free memberships to military dependents and spouses during the 400 day deployment. The Y hopes to provide support and a sense of community to these families while their loved ones are away.

On June 16, Y team members spent the day at the Family Prep Academy in St. Paul, where 2,000 families were present to receive resources to help throughout deployment.

Upcoming events:

- July 21: 2nd Annual Community Pancake Breakfast to support Veterans and Military Families, Forest Lake YMCA, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Aug. 6-10: "We Are Not Invisible," Women's Veteran Art Show, Equity Innovation Center, Dayton YMCA at Gaviidae



Local military families gather at the Family Prep Academy to prepare active service men and women, and their families for an upcoming deployment.

- Aug. 8: Lunch & Learn, Guest Speaker Kim Dobler from the Women's Veteran's Program for the state of Minnesota, Equity Innovation Center, Dayton YMCA at Gaviidae, Noon- 1:00 p.m.
- Aug. 12: Military Send-off, Forest Lake YMCA, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Amanda Hooper, amanda.hooper@ymcamn.org.

MISSION IMPACT COUNCIL INTRODUCES INAUGURAL YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

The Mission Impact Council (MIC) is focused on increasing opportunity and equity for young people ages 12-24 to create an environment where Twin Cities youth can thrive. It is a collaborative community that recognizes the power of working together as a way to actively engage and support young people.

Please welcome the inaugural Mission Impact Council Youth Advisory Board:

- Josh Yang, Immigrant Opportunity and Youth Capacity Coordinator
- Patrick Fenne, MIC Intern
- Bryonna Marsh, MIC Intern
- Dennis Argueta, MIC Intern
- Fifi Kifle, Social Responsibility and MIC Intern

DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, GLOBAL COMMITTEE LAUNCHES CALENDAR

The Diversity, Inclusion, Global (DIG) committee is introducing the DIG calendar, a new resource to be used by teams to learn more about local events that expand understanding of different communities and cultures in the Twin Cities area.

Teams are encouraged to use the DIG calendar when planning events and programs for the community. The DIG calendar is open to anyone through this [page](#), with a helpful user guide [here](#).

If you have local events to add to the DIG Calendar, please contact Bruce Yang at bruce.yang@ymcamn.org.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AMERICORPS VISTA POSITIONS OPEN FOR 2018-2019

The Social Responsibility AmeriCorps Vistas team is looking for Immigrant and Opportunity Youth Capacity Coordinator and a Research and Evaluation Coordinator for 2018-2019. One position will focus on [opportunity youth](#) and the other on [research and evaluation](#).



The YMCA introduces the inaugural Mission Impact Council Youth Advisory Board.



New Mission Impact Council Youth Advisory Board meets to discuss plans for the upcoming year.



The YPRIDE employee resource group participated in the Twin Cities Pride Parade on Sunday, June 24. Thank you to all team members and volunteers who participated and contributed to the parade's success!

**A SEAT
AT THE
TABLE**



Save September 7 for the 2018 Regional EMLE: A Seat at the Table.



JUL 21 Community Pancake Breakfast
YMCA Veterans Rendezvous Program

Come support local veterans at the Community Pancake Breakfast at the Forest Lake YMCA.

Thank you to Joshua Yang and Malcolm Farley for their service. Joshua will pursue a path toward Youth Ministry and Malcom will pursue a path towards becoming a college professor.

Please share the positions within your network and feel free to direct any interested applicants to Bruce Yang at bruce.yang@ymcamn.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

- Veterans Community Pancake Breakfast: July 21, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Forest Lake YMCA
- Equity Innovation Center Briefings
 - How to Lead with Equity and Inclusion (LEI) - Wednesday, July 25 at 7:30-8:30 a.m.
 - A Culturally Competent Future (CCF) - Wednesday, July 25 at Noon-1:00 p.m.
- #MinneAsian Lunch and Learn, July 25, 1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m., Equity Innovation Center as Coalition of Asian American Leaders (CAAL) speakers and storytellers present their stories
- #MinneAsian Stories traveling exhibit, July 25-29, Equity Innovation Center
- Regional EMLE (Emerging Multicultural Leadership Experience) September 7, Metropolitan State University in St. Paul

Best,

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