Supporting Those in Need

YWCA Columbus is committed to creating a community of safety, support and stability through emergency shelter and long-term supportive housing.

YWCA Family Center

The YWCA Family Center has been supporting families experiencing homelessness for 16 years. The 50-room emergency shelter offers families safety and support, a place where they can get three healthy meals a day and a warm, secure place to sleep.

91 families had successful housing outcomes in 2021

55.8 55.8 days was the average length of stay for 2021

942 individuals served in 2021, including 271 families and 586 children

68% are African American

60% are female

Women’s Residency Program

The Women’s Residency Program is a permanent supportive housing program for women recovering from addiction, weathering disability, or navigating life with mental illness. Through safe, long-term subsidized housing and supportive access to employment, education, and healthcare resources, YWCA Columbus enables residents to live independently with pride and dignity.

105 women served in 2021

50% have faced domestic violence

Average age of 51

86% successfully maintained 2021 housing

Community Support

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50,851 meals covered in 2021 by generous donors and volunteers

1,000 nearly 1,000 material contributions were received in 2021

210 donors shared gifts from residents’ personal holiday wish lists in 2021

Safe & Sound Child Care Program

The Safe & Sound Child Care Program, located in the YWCA Family Center, is a 5-star Step Up to Quality rated program which served 110 children in the shelter program in 2021. This program not only provides care for young children while their families are looking for permanent housing - it helps to ensure they are growing the skills they’ll need to succeed in school.