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ywcaVOTE your voice. your vote. your future.

With so many important issues at stake, voters need to be engaged and participate – to ensure that the people's voices and priorities are heard.

Every election voters have a choice:

- ☞ A choice on who to elect to positions of power
- ☞ A choice on who to elect to be involved in discussions and decisions regarding direction of local, state, national and international policy and action and
- ☞ A choice on who to elect to be involved in discussions and decisions that shape the future of our families, communities and nation.

This year the choice is even more important. When voters go to the polls, they will be casting their ballots for elected officials who will be involved in deciding what is done about major issues facing the country including:

Health Care; Medicaid; Medicare; Social Security; Economy; Housing foreclosures; Lack of affordable housing; Rising costs of college; Energy policy; Immigration Reform; Taxes; Terrorism and the War in Iraq.

Voting is one of the most important activities individuals can engage. Who an individual votes for can have an enormous impact on the lives of women, girls and people of color in the United States and throughout the world. This is especially true this year.

Some people believe that voting is not important or does not matter. But the old cliché is true; one vote can make a difference. For more information, visit www.YWCAVote.org.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In 2009, YWCA Interim House will commemorate its 30th year of providing services to women and children survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

In 1979 when the YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit opened its doors, YWCA Interim House became the first and the largest shelter in Michigan and **now** the only shelter in the City of Detroit.

"A House Where Everyone is Welcome"

24 Hour Crisis Line
(313) 861-5300

YWCA Interim House is a safe place that provides temporary housing, assistance and support services for women and their children who are survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Its mission is to empower survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault by helping them to realize their ability to control their lives.

Enough!

In order for the YWCA Interim House to continue to eradicate family violence, we need your support. Activities are planned that may be of interest to you. Please call the YWCA Development office at (313)259-9922, Ext. 211 or YWCA Interim House at (313) 861-5300 to pledge your support.

Funded by YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit, United Way SE MI, Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention & Treatment Board, State of Michigan DHS ESG/Wayne County, Michigan Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, City of Detroit CDBG/ESG, and Contributions from Private Groups and Individuals.

YWCA Mission

The Young Women's Christian Association is a women's membership movement nourished by its roots in the Christian faith and sustained by the richness of many beliefs and values. Strengthened by diversity, the Association draws 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. The Association will thrust its collective power toward the elimination of racism wherever it exists and by any means necessary.



With Great Appreciation - Funding Awards

- ☞ United Way for Southeastern Michigan
\$25,000 Educational Preparedness (Children Enter School Ready to Learn)
\$275,000 Basic Needs (Improve Delivery of Services)
- ☞ Mary Kay Ash Foundation
\$20,000 YWCA Interim House (Operational Support)
- ☞ City of Detroit
\$135,105 YWCA Interim House (Personal Services Contract)

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A Benefit Recital
for YWCA Interim House

Featuring:
Jin-Sook Hong,
Mezzo Soprano

Saturday,
October 25, 2008
4:00 p.m.

Detroit Public Library
5201 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48202

Pre-ticket sales Only
\$15.00 per person
\$25.00 per couple

Contact:
YWCA at
313/259-9922, Ext. 211

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An Expression of Freedom. A Singer raises her voice Against Domestic Violence.

The YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit recognizes
the YWCA Week Without Violence
October 19-25, 2008

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Jin-Sook Hong, Mezzo Soprano, is a survivor of domestic violence. A native of Korea, who now lives in Michigan, states her deep faith in God helped her survive a torturous, 11-year marriage in silence. During that time music was her medicine. The scars remain, however she is no longer silent. Hong, a classically trained vocalist will share her gift of music on October 25, 2008 to raise awareness about abuse, remember the courage and strength of domestic violence survivors and to dedicate ourselves to ending domestic violence in our communities. She wants to encourage all women to break the silence about domestic violence.

Domestic Violence is a local, regional and national issue that directly relates to the work of our Mission:
eliminating racism and empowering women.