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**UNITED WAY BLACKHAWK REGION AWARDS COMMUNITY GRANT TO YWCA  
ROCK COUNTY**

YWCA Rock County is pleased to receive a \$216,300 grant award from United Way Blackhawk Region (UWBR) to support our mission to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families, and strengthen our community.

YWCA Rock County is proud to be a partner of UWBR and truly thankful for their support and investment in our organization and the community. YWCA has been serving Rock County for ninety-five years. Our five strong programs exemplify our mission of eliminating racism and empowering women.

Our Alternatives to Violence program includes a thirty-three bed domestic violence shelter offering a safe place for women in crisis. Women and children receive necessities, food, clothing, and personal space to heal. Clients in our shelter, as well as anyone in the community, can receive case management, legal advocacy, support groups, and safety planning. Our Transitions for Women program focuses on long-term needs of women and children surviving domestic abuse. Our 11-unit apartment building is home to women and their children for twelve to eighteen months. The program provides case management focused on self-sufficiency as well as guidance with employment and educational endeavors.

Additionally, the YWCA CARE House was established in 1993 and is the only child advocacy center in Rock County. The program provides a child-centered approach to the prevention, investigation and treatment of child abuse and neglect. This includes a multi-disciplinary team to conduct forensic interviews, ensuring a child goes through an interview once, eliminating the painful trauma of having to retell his/her painful story many times.

Our largest program is our Child Care Program which includes Pre-K and P4J at the YWCA, Before and After School Care at eleven Janesville schools and Harmony Elementary School in Milton, Snow Day and other Non-school Day programs, and Summer Discovery Day Camp.

Racial Justice is one of the core values of the YWCA, and we execute that through our Immigrant Outreach Program, which provides classes, case management, and assistance with citizenship, domestic violence prevention, civic responsibility, and English as a Second Language. The YWCA also holds an annual Racial Justice Conference.

We are honored and grateful to receive this eighteen-month grant award from United Way Blackhawk Region, which will assist us in providing these essential services to our community.

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