

# EMPOWERMENT CENTER

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

*Serving our community through housing, financial assistance and case management services*



## NOTABLE OVER THE LAST COUPLE MONTHS:



### Hotline Calls

Even though we did not have that much snow, the freezing temps were brutal. The YWCA Empowerment Center/ Rapid Re-housing hotline was constantly ringing.

There were 616 calls in January, 456 Calls in February and 373 calls in March. The sheer volume of these calls represents how the the number of homeless people/ families have increased along with how many families needed help with rent to keep a roof over their heads.



### "Coldest Night of the Year"

In January 2023, the YWCA Empowerment hosted it's first ever "Coldest Night of the Year" evet. The "Coldest Night of the Year" is a wintertime walk for the entire family to raise money for local charities who serve people who may be experiencing hurt, hunger and homelessness.

After the walk, participants were invited back to enjoy 5 different kinds of soups, crackers, cookies and water. This walk was a huge success and raised nearly \$7,000 for the YWCA Empowerment Center.



### "Crafts for Kids Program"

Our "Crafts" for Kids Program" has been receiving a lot of craft supplies. These supplies of fleece, yarn, yarn skeens and plastic crochet hooks are then donated to the Federal Thomson Prison where inmates will crochet blankets, hats, and even toys. These items are given to children in crisis.

This program has been a win/win for everyone involved. If you would like to donate any of the above listed craft items, there is a box at the front desk of the YWCA. All donations are greatly appreciated.



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