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## Join Us for Angel Tree: Spreading Hope and Joy This Holiday Season



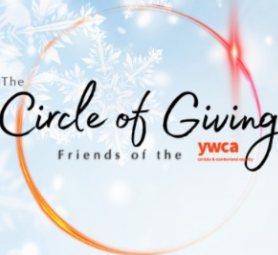
As the holiday season approaches, we're reminded of the incredible impact we can have when we come together as a community. This year, we invite you to share in the spirit of giving by joining our annual Angel Tree campaign—a meaningful opportunity to brighten lives and bring hope to those we serve.

Each angel on our tree represents a generous gift from a caring individual like you, committed to promoting peace, dignity, and justice for all. Every donation, whether large or small, directly supports our mission and brings joy to those in need. With a gift of \$150 or more, you'll also join our Circle of Giving, a special group of donors whose generosity sustains our work year-round.

Help us fill our tree with angels and spread the warmth of the season. To make a pledge or donation, visit us online at **our Angel Tree Donation Page**. You're also welcome to stop by our office or mail a check to:  
YWCA Carlisle  
301 G Street  
Carlisle, PA 17013

We'd love to celebrate this collective generosity with you at our Angel Tree Drop-In Reception on December 23, from 10 am to 4 pm, at our office. Come see the tree and feel the difference your kindness has made.

Thank you for standing with us in the spirit of giving and for making this season brighter for everyone in our community.



When you step into the Circle of Giving, you're saying yes to transforming lives and building a stronger community.

Become part of our Circle of Giving with a donation of \$150 or more. Your support directly empowers our programs and services, helping us make a lasting impact in the community. As a member of the Circle of Giving, you'll join a dedicated group of donors committed to creating meaningful change.

With a combined total contribution of \$150 or more throughout the year, enjoy insider perks such as:

- an exclusive pass to the Circle of Giving cocktail reception,
- privileged access to insider information on upcoming programs and events,
- and an array of additional surprises waiting to unfold!

[Donate to Angel Tree!](#)

### **Join Us for Giving Tuesday: Support the Life-Changing Work of YWCA Carlisle**

This Giving Tuesday, we invite you to stand with YWCA Carlisle as we continue our mission of empowering individuals and promoting justice and dignity for all. Your support allows us to provide essential programs and services that make a lasting impact on the lives of so many. From providing resources to survivors through our 24/7 hotline to hosting transformative events like Walk the Mile and educational panels, we're working every day to create a safer, stronger, and more inclusive community. Here are just a few ways your contributions have made a difference:



- Little Wonder's Preschool supported over 20 families providing education and support for children and families.
- Through our Pad Pantry, we dispersed hundreds of pounds of menstrual products to schools and community members.
- We provided over 2,135 hours of direct support to individuals affected by sexual violence.
- Through Persimmon Awards, Walk the Mile, and engaging with our community, we connected with hundreds of community members giving them the space and opportunity to get engaged and involved with us.

This Giving Tuesday, your donation can help us reach even more individuals and expand our vital work in the community. Whether it's \$5 or \$500, every dollar fuels programs and services that change lives. Together, we can continue to make a real and meaningful difference. Thank you for being part of this movement for positive change. Mark your calendar: Giving Tuesday is December 3rd! Visit [ywcacarlisle.org/donate](http://ywcacarlisle.org/donate) to make your contribution and help us keep the momentum going.



**Donate for Giving Tuesday!**

# PHRC CIVIL RIGHTS OUTREACH DIVISION



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## CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY RESPONSE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4  
12 P.M.

YWCA CARLISLE & CUMBERLAND COUNTY  
301 G STREET  
CARLISLE, PA 17013

**REGISTER TODAY!**

Scan QR code



Questions? Contact  
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Please join us for a safe space to talk about your experiences and learn about your rights. Our team will also be available to gather narratives and instances of discrimination.

All are welcomed to join.



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# LUNCH & LEARN

Every 2nd Wednesday  
of the month @ 12:00 PM

**YWCA Carlisle & Cumberland County**  
**301 G Street, Carlisle PA 17013**

Please join us for our 60+ women's group. We'll be meeting monthly to learn, laugh and meet new people. Bring your own lunch and we will provide refreshments.

**JOIN US** →

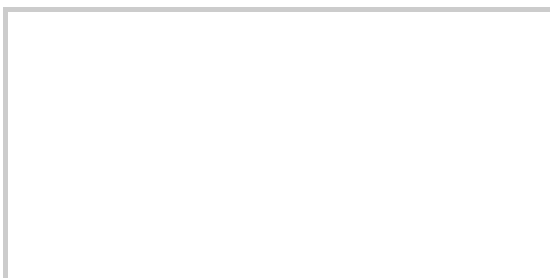


For More Information Visit  
[www.ywcacarlisle.com](http://www.ywcacarlisle.com)



Our next Second Season Session is just around the corner! This monthly gathering is an empowering space for women to connect, share insights, and grow together. Be sure to mark your calendars. We're excited to continue building this dynamic community! We can't wait to see you there!

## Around Town





## **After The Bell**

After the Bell, our after-school program, continues to provide a safe and engaging space for local youth to learn, grow, and thrive. With a focus on academic support, life skills development, and creative activities, this program helps children build confidence, expand their knowledge, and foster positive relationships. We're proud to see how After the Bell is making a difference in the lives of our young participants, empowering them to succeed both in and out of the classroom. Thank you for your support in helping our future leaders shine!



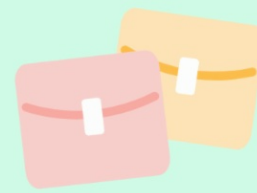
## **Pad Pantry at Project Share**

The Pad Pantry continues to be a vital resource for individuals and families in need, offering free access to menstrual hygiene products. By addressing a critical need, we ensure that everyone has the tools they need for personal care, dignity, and comfort. We are grateful for the community's ongoing support, which allows us to keep this service running and make a positive impact on those who need it most. Thank you for helping us provide essential support through the Pad Pantry!

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We are back to school and  
supplies are needed for the  
Pad Pantry!

*Pad  
Pantry*



**How can you Help?**

Drop off a donation of product at  
YWCA Carlisle & Cumberland County!

301 G St Carlisle, PA 17013 717-243-3818

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## Happy Holidays from YWCA Carlisle and Cumberland County!

As the year draws to a close, we want to take a moment to wish you joy, peace, and togetherness during this festive season. December is a month filled with diverse celebrations that bring light and warmth to the winter days:

- Hanukkah (Dec. 25 – Jan. 2): The Festival of Lights, celebrating resilience and hope.
- Winter Solstice (Dec. 21): Honoring the longest night of the year and the promise of brighter days ahead.
- Christmas (Dec. 25): A time of giving, family, and community spirit.

- Kwanzaa (Dec. 26 – Jan. 1): A celebration of African heritage, unity, and culture.
- New Year's Eve (Dec. 31): A moment to reflect on the past year and look forward to new beginnings.

No matter what you celebrate, we hope this season brings you moments of joy, reflection, and connection. Thank you for being part of the YWCA Carlisle and Cumberland County community and supporting our mission throughout the year.

Here's to a happy and healthy holiday season for all!

[Access Our Community Calendar Here!](#)

## Additional Opportunities

### Volunteers Make a Big Difference!

#### YWCA Ambassadors

Join our new ambassador team and help us share the amazing YWCA programs across the county at public events and share our mission with the community. Our ambassadors will receive training and mentorship opportunities within the organization. We are excited to have you join us on this new venture.

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