

# our voice

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## east portico restoration



**Pictured: From demolition to reconstruction of the newly restored east portico of the YWCA Levi Standish House.**

The historic reconstruction of the long lost east portico of the Levi Standish House is complete. The reconstruction of the east portico will build the foundation necessary for the bridge that will connect the Levi Standish House to the new building addition, making the YWCA barrier-free and accessible. The \$4.6 million Under One Roof Capital Campaign will support the construction of a new addition to consolidate the YWKids School Age Program and single-occupancy housing for women to the central location of the YWCA's historic headquarters at the Levi Standish House. This three-level dynamic and highly-functional building will aid the YWCA in achieving greater financial and operating efficiency and ADA accessibility for the benefit of YWCA constituents and the community as a whole.

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## please join us!



*Celebrating 100 Years!*  
*1911-2011*  
*100th Anniversary Gala*

Friday, November 4, 2011  
8pm - midnight  
Century House  
107 So. Main Street  
Acushnet, MA

\$30 per person

for tickets call 508-999-3255 or go to [www.ywcasema.org/events](http://www.ywcasema.org/events)

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*9th Annual  
Red Dress  
Fashion Show  
and  
Silent Auction*

Thursday, February 16, 2012  
5:30 pm - Cocktail Hour  
6:00 pm - Dinner

Century House  
107 South Main Street Acushnet, MA  
Individual Ticket: \$50.00  
Private Table/Seats Up to 10: \$500.00

**Wear your favorite Red Dress**

To support HEARTplus  
raising awareness of cardiovascular disease in women

Purchase your tickets before they sell out at the YWCA  
@ 508-999-3255 or Online: [www.ywcasema.org](http://www.ywcasema.org)  
Tickets will not be sold at the door!

## staff recognitions



Athena M. G. Mota, Director of Advocacy and Communications graduated from Bridgewater State University with a Master of Public Administration degree in May 2011 (pictured left).

Larissa Tavares was promoted to YWkids Group Leader in June 2011.

Natasha Iraheta, YWkids Kindergarten Coordinator graduated from Bristol Community College with an Associates of Science degree in May 2011.

Catherine Bourassa, Director of Programs and Services completed the Early Educator Fellowship from CAYL Institute in June 2011.



Kathryn Nunes, YWkids Coordinator of Support Services and Iris Ruiz, YWkids Group Leader put together a successful fall yard sale raising \$100 to benefit YWkids. Thank you!!



Joan Yotides earned the 2011 Community Service Award from the Greater Fall River/Greater New Bedford Community Health Network at the 12th Annual Legislative Breakfast on October 22, 2011 (pictured top left and bottom left with Linda Rose and Gail Fortes).

Joan Yotides is a long-time volunteer at the YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts.

Since 1994, Joan has served as the Director of the Widowed Persons Program (WPP) at the YWCA. The Widowed Persons Program is a great success, thanks to Joan's tireless volunteer efforts. This program has helped over a thousand widowed persons who she calls "survivors." She has met many wonderful widows and widowers. After going through a heartbreaking experience, Joan helps the widows and widowers discuss their grief and allows them move on to the next stage of their lives. "I can never know how I would have survived without the group and the guidance of Joan. There is only praise and thanks for my renewed life," said Mrs. M.A. Domingos. "Through the help of the group and Joan, I have learned to control my anger. It is not gone, but I've been able to use it in a more positive way. Joan let me speak and listened and helped me let go of my anger. I would not have been able to do it without Joan. Joan gives of herself in every way a human being can give of themselves," said Mr. Richard Souza.

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