

eliminating racism  
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Mankato

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## **INTEGRITY. RESPECT. TRUST. COMPASSION. INCLUSION.**

YWCA Mankato is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. We are here to be collaborative leaders and a catalyst for social change focused on gender and race.



“I’m the only one holding me back from accomplishing whatever I want to accomplish. I know it seem simple and cliché but after listening to and talking to so many amazing women you realize just how much you are capable of. Sometimes we just need cheerleaders and that is what you get from this group, support and encouragement.”

— Val Bentdahl, 2019-20 cohort of the Elizabeth Kearney Women’s Leadership program

### **THE EMPOWERMENT SOCIETY.**

The Empowerment Society recognizes and honors annual donors who are catalysts of YWCA Mankato’s mission. Society members turn passion into action by making 3-year pledges of at least \$1,000 each fiscal year (January-December).

Empowerment Society members share a commitment to the sustainability and long-term vision of YWCA Mankato. By making a multi-year pledge, YWCA Mankato can count on funding needed to create and maintain programs for all women, girls, and families in our community.

***JOIN THE EMPOWERMENT SOCIETY***

**Learn more about YWCA Mankato Programs  
at [www.mankatoywca.org](http://www.mankatoywca.org).**

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In elementary school, Krista Gradiant loved being part of Girls on the Run and even served as a junior coach. Now a senior at Minnesota State University, Mankato, Krista is in her fourth season as a Girls on the Run coach. For Krista, deciding to be a coach was easy. She loves the energy the youngsters bring to their sessions and is excited to give back, building relationships and helping them with some of the same struggles she faced when she was younger.

## **PERSIMMON GIVING CLUB**

The Persimmon Giving Club is a philanthropic group that champions YWCA Mankato and its mission to eliminate racism and empower women. Persimmon is YWCA's national brand color reflecting the strength and confidence of YWCA. As a member of the Persimmon Giving Club, you have the opportunity to embody that spirit of persimmon! We invite you to become a member of the Persimmon Giving Club today with a sustaining gift of over \$250 for at least three years. In doing so you get the satisfaction of becoming part of history and shaping the future. When we join together, movement happens.

***JOIN THE PERSIMMON  
GIVING CLUB TODAY!***

Nine years ago, Lul Omar began working with Maryan Hersi and her two young daughters, ages 3 years and 7 months old, who had recently moved to our community. When Lul visited Maryan's home, she helped to teach the ABC's, counting, shapes and other fundamentals. Thanks to Lul's help, Maryan's girls thrived at school, never having to take an ELL class. During her work with Lul, Maryan learned the importance of learning at a young age. Today, Maryan is a Parent Educator at YWCA Mankato and she looks forward to helping other families the same way that Lul helped her own.



# YWCA IS ON A MISSION

**YES!** I want to **Join the Mission** and support YWCA Mankato!

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My Employer ..... matches donations to charities.  
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**[www.mankatoywca.org](http://www.mankatoywca.org) and clicking "Donate".**  
If paying by check please make check payable to YWCA Mankato.

## OPTION 1:

Make a  Monthly  Quarterly  One-time donation in the amount of:

\$50  \$100  \$250  \$500  \$1000  \$.....

## OPTION 2:

Join the **EMPOWERMENT SOCIETY** with a pledge of \$1000 per year for 3 years.

Charge my credit card below  Invoice me ..... time(s) per year  Contact me about automatic withdrawl

## OPTION 3:

Join the **PERSIMMON GIVING CLUB** with a 3-year contribution of:  \$250  \$500  \$750

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My check is enclosed  Please charge my VISA/MC/AMEX/DISCOVER

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Your gift to YWCA Mankato's mission of eliminating racism and empowering women helps to make our community a place where everyone can thrive. Your gift also helps to provide scholarships for those who might not otherwise be able to afford our programs. Thank you for being part of the important work we do in our community. We could not do it without you.

— *Natasha Lopez-Rodriguez*  
*Executive Director, YWCA Mankato*

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