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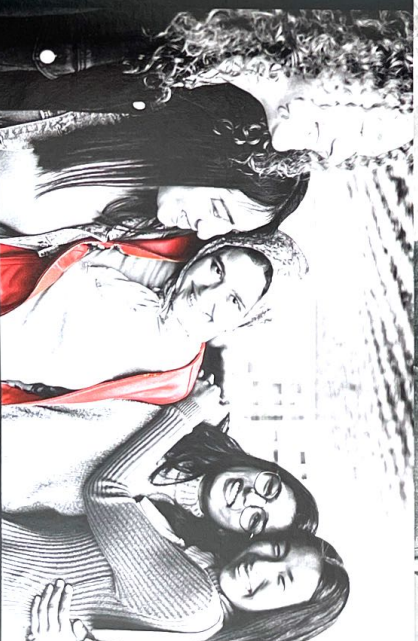
"I LOVE TO SEE A YOUNG GIRL GO OUT AND GRAB
THE WORLD BY THE LAPELS. LIFE'S A BITCH. YOU'VE
GOT TO GO OUT AND KICK ASS"

What an inspirational quote by Maya Angelou, epitomizing exactly what the YWCA Greater Flint is helping women achieve!

Growing up in Flint, Elizabeth Wise spent an extraordinary amount of time at the YWCA's former downtown location. She attended preschool there and was involved in extra-curricular activities like swimming lessons and dance class. Her mother volunteered there as well and she vividly remembers watching countless strong women walk in and out of those doors, which was so inspiring to her at a young, impressionable age. Since those early days, the YWCA has been near and dear to Elizabeth's heart, so much that when she moved back to the area, she immediately got involved. Elizabeth began by serving on the board for nine years as well as volunteering on numerous YWCA committees including the Executive Committee, several planning committees, Circle Luncheon Table Captain, Nominating and Placement Committee, and the Women's Empowerment Center Capacity-building Campaign Committee. Empowering women and eliminating racism is a mission to which she is 100% committed.

As a woman, Elizabeth has been fortunate to feel supported by her family, friends, spouse, and community, but she understands not all women are in the same position due to varying circumstances. Oppression is still the root of many societal problems. Those born with privilege often times forget racism, poverty, and violence exist in their communities. Supporting the YWCA and its mission has allowed her to be part of the solution. The YWCA, and the important work they do for women and girls in the community, encourages Elizabeth to continue participating and volunteering. The world needs more empowered women and the YWCA Greater Flint is helping achieve that goal.

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"A strong woman knows she has strength enough for the journey, but a woman of strength knows it is in the journey where she will become strong."

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