



Riverside Art Festival's Best in Show artists, Backwoods Babes, with ED Moira Branigan and YWCA GLBR Board member Carole Calvert-Baxter

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We're so appreciative of your support this year, from the donations we received during **Give Local Bay**, to all of you who attended the **48th Annual Riverside Art Festival**, and those who have reached out with concern when you heard about our unfortunate office flood in mid-April. In May, we welcomed aboard our newest hire, Erica Armstrong, who came to us from the City of Midland to step into our Program Director role. Erica has become an integral part of our team as we develop new empowerment and advocacy programs. We're looking forward to the rest of the year: moving back into our renovated office and our **Women of Achievement** ceremony to return this fall! We couldn't do this without your continued support, and the support of our 2022 Sponsors: **Dow, Graff-Bay City, Independent Bank, Waste Management, and 1st State Bank.** Wishing all of you a wonderful summer!

Sincerely, *Moira Branigan*

GET OUT THE VOTE (GOTV) 2022

Women are a driving force in elections and we are on track to make a difference again this year. Leading into election season, the YWomenVote campaign will mobilize women across the spectrum around shared support for policy solutions addressing our concerns related to the economy, caregiving, gender-based violence prevention, healthcare, and racial justice. Guided by a national survey of women, **YWomenVote 2022** will be our largest-ever civic engagement campaign to ensure that women's voices are at the forefront during this pivotal year. **It is vital that we remain civically engaged, and with so much at stake for our families and communities, women in the Great Lakes Bay Region want, need, deserve, and will demand action.** This fall our GOTV initiative will seek to actively engage the over 300,000 voters in Bay, Midland, and Saginaw County in an effort to increase voter awareness and voter turnout to protect and *promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.*

YOUNG WOMEN CHOOSING ACTION



We are working to expand our Women's Empowerment Program to include Young Women Choosing Action, an intersectional, culturally responsive, leadership program designed with the unique challenges and opportunities of low-income women and women of color, ages 13-19, in mind. Young Women Choosing Action enables young women to practice skills, dispositions, and new habits of decision making rooted in an **active choice rather than a reactive behavior**. Through participation in this program, young women develop leadership skills, cultivate a practice of personal well-being, and **build their capacity as leaders**. The young women will learn how healthy decision-making, self-advocacy, and self-regulation support effective leadership. Ultimately, young women who complete the program will be empowered to effectively employ choice, mindfulness, and leadership strategies in a wide variety of life situations.



INTERACT DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION PROGRAM

In 2020, we launched our newest program, InterACT Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. InterACT's goal is to help you, your team, coworkers, or organization members acknowledge and break down biases that inhibit cooperation and connection. We use the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) as our tool to guide our conversation and discovery as we build cultural competence. This program is available due to the generosity and support of: **Bay Area Community Foundation, Hemlock Semiconductor CARE Grant, Enbridge Fueling Futures Grant and Dow**. Just this year alone seven organizations have taken part: from DoAll, to the Junior League of the GLBR, Girls on the Run, and so many more. Interested? Email info@ywcaglbr.org for info!

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WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT - OCTOBER 2022

Women of Achievement returns this October! If you're interested in nominating a deserving woman in your life, head to ywcaglbr.org for more information!

YWOMEN VOTE PSA

