



WNY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION
Strong Women. Stronger Community.

"She stood in the storm and when the wind did not blow her way, she adjusted her sails."
— Elizabeth Edwards

Support Women-Owned Businesses in Western New York!

Today, the WNY Women's Foundation is introducing a **crowd-sourced directory of women-owned businesses** in Western New York.

Each entry includes details on services they are offering in these challenging times—and info on how you can support them. You'll find everything from online fitness classes, to takeout food and wine, to online shopping.

Add your favorite local businesses to boost their offerings and check back to see what's available. The directory is dynamic and constantly being updated.

These small businesses are the backbone of our community and a reminder of the perseverance and creativity of our female entrepreneurs.

So stay home, shop local, and support women!

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**WNY WOMEN-OWNED
BUSINESSES**

Additional Ways to Help

The #1 way to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 is to **STAY HOME!**

Here are some other ways you can support our community during this time:

- Help feed healthcare workers via [WNY Feeds the Frontline](#)
- Support Buffalo restaurants, while practicing social distancing via [Dining at a Distance](#)
- Volunteer to [help Feed More WNY](#) deliver meals
- Donate Blood via [ConnectLife](#) or [the Red Cross](#)

Resources

We will continue to keep our "[Where to Get Help](#)" resources page updated throughout this public health crisis. There, you'll find critical information and tips to support you and your family during this difficult time, including **learn-from-home** and **remote work** resources.

Additional resources and information on COVID-19 are available from the following reputable sources:

- [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC)
- [World Health Organization](#) (WHO)
- [Erie County Department of Health](#)
- [New York State Department of Health](#)

COVID-19 CHILD CARE for essential workers



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR MANY ESSENTIAL WORKERS.

wnychildren.org/essential-workers

Child Care Available for Essential Workers

Are you an essential worker in need of child care?

Child Care Resource Network can match you with affordable, quality childcare providers in your area.

[Find Your Child Care Match](#)

Expanded financial assistance is available to cover child care costs for many essential working parents via the Workforce Development Initiative.

Expedited, easy processing now available!



WNY Women's Foundation Advocacy at Work

Now more than ever, the WNY Women's Foundation has been hard at work advocating for women and families in our community! Here's a sampling of what we've been up to:

Paid Sick Leave

Supporting paid sick leave and coronavirus-related paid time off initiatives led by a state-wide coalition of partners. Thanks to our coalition, permanent statewide paid sick leave is expected to be passed into law as part of the 2020 state budget.

Child Care

Working with our elected officials like Senator Tim Kennedy to secure \$500,000 for Erie County Facilitated Enrollment child care subsidy.

Communicating rapidly-changing regulations to local child care providers and promoting child care availability and enhanced affordability to essential personnel parents and employers.

Joining with statewide efforts in partnership with the Governor's Office and Office of Children and Family Services to address issues around child care during the pandemic.

Impact Grants

Connecting recipients of our Impact Grants, like the Buffalo Boys & Girls Club, with the resources they need to overcome new barriers created by COVID-19.

[Learn more about our 2020 advocacy priorities.](#)

The mission of the WNY Women's Foundation is to create a culture of possibility so each woman and girl can live, grow, and lead to her fullest potential.

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