

SAMPLE TEXT FOR LUNCHEON INVITE EMAILS

Dear _____,

As you know, I am committed to taking part in building a community that values equity. I am inspired by the mission of YWCA Seattle | King | Snohomish to eliminate racism and empower women. I have seen how YWCA's leadership in the community has helped thousands of women and families every year. Because of this, I am a dedicated supporter of YWCA and its programs and services.

(Consider sharing a personal story here)

It has been a year since COVID-19 changed our community and the world as we know it. We have all seen how the ongoing pandemic continues to disproportionately impact the women and families that YWCA serves: women, girls, and people of color. As we are all forging a new path forward to make a more equitable community, I'd like to invite you to join me at my virtual table for [YWCA's 2021 Inspire Luncheon](#). On Tuesday, September 14, at 12:30pm PDT, our community will come together to support the YWCA as they continue providing essential services and standing on the frontlines to meet the evolving needs of our community.

I do hope you can join me because I'm also thrilled to share with you that this year's keynote speaker is Stacey Abrams—political leader, lawyer, New York Times bestselling author, Nobel Peace Prize nominee, named one of the “World's Most Powerful Women in 2020” by Forbes, and the first Black woman to become the gubernatorial nominee for a major party in any state! Stacey Abrams is part of a legacy of organizers and activists, Black women who fought for voting rights alongside other causes, helping open up doors for every woman in the U.S. Voting is more than engagement – it's an act of power. It's how we tell those who speak for us what we want. We all deserve for our voices to be heard and our needs to be met. YWCA has long worked at the intersection of race and gender, meeting women where they are by providing essential services and breaking down barriers to opportunity. We're committed to racial and gender equity and tackling the systemic injustices that make it harder for women – especially BIPOC women – to participate fully and lead.

The time to act is here and now - and meaningful progress requires each of us. We're excited for Stacey Abrams to lead us in conversation about the future of our community, building our power through civic engagement, and creating better systems that truly advance racial and gender equity.

YWCA needs even greater support than ever in the wake of the many challenges of 2020 through the present. I hope you'll join me in offering that support by participating in this exciting and inspiring event. If you are unable to attend, [please consider making a gift](#).

I look forward to celebrating YWCA this September. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
