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Anytown Alabama is Back

Birmingham, AL—The YWCA Central Alabama, in partnership with the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) will look to the 65 participants of **Anytown Alabama** – to create a more inclusive community founded on dialogue and respect. **Anytown Alabama**, founded in 1989, will bring together 10th, 11th and 12th graders representing 31 schools in the Birmingham, Muscle Shoals, Mobile and Talladega areas. **Anytown Alabama's Summer Camp** will be held June 5-11, 2011 at YMCA Hargis Retreat Center in Chelsea, Alabama.

Through weeklong dialogue, exercises, games and activities, the delegates focus on topics ranging from racism and religious oppression to sexism, class-ism and conflict management. Participants include African-American, Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian and multiracial students. Additionally, delegates come from various religious faiths, schools, and backgrounds. Joining the delegates will be 30 Anytown volunteer staff persons who will lead workshops and discussion groups after having received 40 hours of training. Many of the staff are past Anytown participants.

The mission at the YWCA Central Alabama is to eliminate racism and empower women. Since 1903, the YWCA Central Alabama has strived to create a more caring community by serving as a place of refuge, responding to the needs of women and their families, providing hope and opportunities in a warm, family-like environment. Anytown Alabama is a perfect fit for the mission.

Founded in 1927, NCCJ is a human relations organization that fights bias, bigotry and racism and promotes respect and understanding among all through education, conflict resolution and advocacy.

The media is invited to visit **Anytown Alabama** during the week EXCEPT Tuesday evening after 7:00 p.m. Workshops that might be of special interest to the media occur on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The closing ceremony for the delegates and their parents will be Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at the YWCA Central Alabama. Please call (205) 322-9922 ext. 206 or (205) 515-2392 for more information about Anytown Alabama.

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