YWCA AmeriCorps Members Take Part in AmeriCorps Week

[Birmingham, AL] -- As part of the nationwide AmeriCorps Week, March 10-18 YWCA Central Alabama AmeriCorps will highlight a unique program created by AmeriCorps members.

The *YWoodlawn Homework Clinic* is a new initiative created by AmeriCorps members serving in the Woodlawn area that addresses the need for tutors for students living in this historic neighborhood. The year-round effort is staffed by volunteers, including AmeriCorps members and hosted in the YWCA's Family Resource Center and Interfaith Hospitality House. The *YWoodlawn Homework Clinic* is an opportunity to further nurture and support members of the Woodlawn community. AmeriCorps members devote time serving by facilitating the management of the program and assisting students with homework. The YWoodlawn Homework Clinic takes place after school hours Monday through Friday. Tutors provide assistance in subjects like math, science, language, arts and reading.

YWCA Central Alabama has 24 AmeriCorps members serving in the areas of support for the homeless, social justice, child care, women's leadership, domestic violence services, housing and economic development. Partnering agencies also housing a YWCA AmeriCorps member include: Pathways, Leading Edge Institute, One Roof, AIDS Alabama, Hope Manifest and Main Street Birmingham/Woodlawn United. YWCA AmeriCorps members devote 1,720 hours each year to serving these programs and volunteering with agencies benefitting the metro-Birmingham area. Members receive a living allowance during their service and an educational award at the end of service. The YWCA’s AmeriCorps program began in 2009 with five members and will grow to 35 members in September at the start of the 2012-2013 AmeriCorps term.

Since its inception in 1994, 706,000 Americans have given more than 860 million hours of service through AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps members help students learn to read, mentor at-risk youth, provide health services, build homes for low-income families and help nonprofits recruit more volunteers and better achieve their mission.

For more information or to schedule an interview on the YWCA’s *YWoodlawn Homework Clinic* and the 2012 AmeriCorps Week call (205) 322-9922 ext. 304 or visit [www.ywcabham.org](http://www.ywcabham.org). For more information on AmeriCorps Week visit [www.AmeriCorpsWeek.gov](http://www.AmeriCorpsWeek.gov).

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