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YWCA AmeriCorps Members to Take Oath of Service

Birmingham, AL, Sept. 13, 2016 – New members in YWCA Central Alabama’s “Building Communities, Bettering Lives” AmeriCorps program will take the **Oath of Service on Friday, Oct. 7, 2016 at 10 a.m.** as part of National Swearing-in Day. During the ceremony at the YWCA (309 23rd Street North, Birmingham, AL 35203), the members will join more than 75,000 Americans who will serve their country in 2016-17.

Men and women from Alabama and around the country have been extensively trained to take part in a year of full-time capacity building and direct service benefiting the YWCA, its 18 nonprofit partner agencies and the community. Members serve in areas such as social justice, domestic violence services, homelessness prevention, civic and environmental engagement, education, and empowerment.

A national service initiative, AmeriCorps is similar to the Peace Corps but is for persons desiring to commit to at least one year of service nationally, rather than internationally. Since its inception in 1994, nearly 1 million members have contributed more than 1.2 billion service hours while leveraging millions of community volunteers. Last year, YWCA AmeriCorps members alone served more than 50,000 hours, benefiting Jefferson, Shelby, Blount and St. Clair Counties.

Since 1903, YWCA Central Alabama has been responding to the needs of women and families. The agency provides child development programs for children of homeless and working poor families, affordable housing for low-income families and seniors, a broad array of domestic violence services and social justice programs. Partnering with AmeriCorps through Serve Alabama and the Corporation for National and Community Service, the YWCA and its partner agencies have been able to further change the lives of people in need.

AmeriCorps positions remain for the 2016-17 term. For more information, to learn how to apply or to see members in action, contact Angela Moore at 205.322-9922 ext. 206 or americorps@ywcabham.org.

The YWCA Central Alabama is a United Way organization dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. For more information, please visit www.ywcabham.org, www.facebook.com/YWCACentralAlabama and www.youtube.com/ywcentralal or follow @YWCentralAL on Twitter.