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YWCA AmeriCorps Program Welcomes New Class of Community Service Members

BIRMINGHAM, AL., August 28, 2015 – The YWCA Central Alabama’s “Building Communities, Bettering Lives” AmeriCorps program will welcome Tuesday nearly 40 new members who will engage in community improvement initiatives for the next year. Men and women from this state and around the country will train Sept. 1-4 to prepare for full-time service at the YWCA and its 16 nonprofit partner agencies throughout the community. Members will serve in areas such as social justice, domestic violence services, homelessness prevention, civic and environmental engagement, education and community empowerment. Members will kick off the year by serving at the *9/11 National Day of Observance* at the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama in Birmingham.

Similar to the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps is a national service program designed for persons desiring to commit to at least one year of service in the states, rather than internationally. AmeriCorps enlists more than 75,000 members to serve each year. Since its inception in 1994, more than 900,000 AmeriCorps members have contributed more than one billion hours of service to their country. Last year, local AmeriCorps members alone served more than 53,000 hours, benefitting the metro Birmingham area and Shelby, Blount and St. Clair counties.

The YWCA Central Alabama, which administers the local AmeriCorps program, has been responding to the needs of women and families since 1903. Services offered include child care and after-school enrichment programs for homeless children and low income families, affordable housing for families and seniors, a full array of domestic violence services and outreach programs for social justice issues. 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 and reshape the fabric of our community.

AmeriCorps positions remain open for the 2015-2016 term. For more information on the YWCA’s AmeriCorps program, how to apply or to see members in action, contact Angela Moore at 205-322-9922 ext. 206 or email americorps@ywcabham.org.

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