

For Immediate Release
April 25, 2014
Media Contact: Angela Moore
205-322-9922 ext. 206
amoore@ywcabham.org

YWCA Central Alabama Celebrates 8th Annual AmeriCorps Week

Birmingham, AL., April 25, 2014 — The YWCA Central Alabama will celebrate the annual AmeriCorps Week April 27-May 3, 2014, to spotlight the outstanding service of members.

Along with their day-to-day service, AmeriCorps members will participate in the Girls on the Run “Strengthening Our Connections” event on Sunday, April 27 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the YWCA Central Alabama, 309 23rd Street North, Birmingham, AL., 35203. The annual gathering will feature 230 young girls from around Birmingham who have participated in 17 running teams over the season. AmeriCorps members will be instrumental in providing the girls with a healthy dialogue on diversity and finding strength in connectedness.

The members will also join YWCA staff and civic leaders for a Poverty Simulation on Wednesday, April 30, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the YWCA’s Harbert Gymnasium. The interactive simulation will give members real life, and impactful insight on the lives of those living in poverty, and aims to heighten their awareness of how much their service means to so many.

AmeriCorps Week is a recruitment and recognition event designed to bring more Americans into service, salute AmeriCorps members and alums for their powerful impact and thank the community partners who make AmeriCorps possible. The week provides an opportunity for AmeriCorps members, alums, grantees, program partners and friends to shine a spotlight on the service rendered by members in communities across the country.

YWCA Central Alabama has 33 AmeriCorps members serving in areas supporting the homeless population, social justice initiatives, child care and after school enrichment, girls and women’s leadership, domestic violence services, persons with disabilities, housing and economic development. Partnering agencies also hosting a YWCA AmeriCorps member include: [Pathways](#), [One Roof](#), [AIDS Alabama](#), [Hope Manifest](#), [REV Birmingham](#), [Safehouse of Shelby County](#), [Heart Gallery of Alabama](#), [Railroad Park](#), [Girls on the Run](#), [Workshops, Inc.](#), [Conservation Alabama](#), [The Women’s Fund](#), [Girls, Inc.](#), [YouthServe](#) and [Woodlawn United](#).

YWCA AmeriCorps members each devote 1,720 hours every year to serving these programs and volunteering with agencies benefitting the metro-Birmingham area. Members receive a living allowance during their service, an educational award at the end of service and the gratification of knowing they are changing lives for the better.

AmeriCorps provides opportunities for 85,000 Americans to give back in an intensive way to their communities and country each year. The YWCA Central Alabama would like to extend its gratitude to the AmeriCorps members who continue to further the YW’s vision of creating a more caring community and achieving positive changes in the lives of individuals and families whom we serve.

About the YWCA

The YWCA Central Alabama is a United Way organization that is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. For over 110 years, the YWCA Central Alabama has been responding to the needs of women, children and families. The YW’s programs and services serve women, children and families by providing: affordable child care for families; child care and after-school enrichment programs for homeless children; affordable housing; a broad array of domestic violence services; and social justice programs. For more information, please visit www.ywcabham.org, www.facebook.com/YWCACentralAlabama and www.youtube.com/ywcentralal or follow @YWCentralAL on Twitter.