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**YWCA Central Alabama Seeks Service Minded Individuals
To Fill 40 AmeriCorps Positions for 2018 -2019**

Birmingham, AL (June 13, 2018) – YWCA Central Alabama’s *Building Communities, Bettering Lives* AmeriCorps program is recruiting service minded individuals to fill 40 available positions for the 2018-19 program year. Those selected will have the opportunity to serve as part of the AmeriCorps state program at a local level providing direct service and capacity building for the YWCA and its nonprofit partner agencies.

The types of opportunities AmeriCorps members experience include:

- Educating teenagers about dating violence prevention and social justice issues
- Providing support to victims of domestic violence and persons experiencing homelessness
- Serving with programs providing youth and teen empowerment
- Providing economic education and environmental stewardship
- Coordinating health-focused programs for families

AmeriCorps members selected for the coming year will start in September 2018 and conclude in August 2019. Positions are all full-time, Monday through Friday during normal business hours. YWCA Central Alabama AmeriCorps applicants should have a bachelor’s degree or some college experience and be able to pass a background check. Positions are filled by women and men from all walks of life who want an opportunity to make an impact in the community while also gaining great experience. “In just a few months I responded to 693 people who would like to become adoptive parents. It is such a privilege to be a part of an organization whose entire purpose is to bring families together,” said April Davis, 2017-2018 AmeriCorps member.

Benefits of service include:

- A stipend of \$1,100 per month/pre-taxes
- An education award of \$5,920 upon completion of the program
- Health insurance for the member, childcare subsidy, and student loan forbearance
- Extensive professional development and training

What is AmeriCorps?

A national service initiative, AmeriCorps is similar to the Peace Corps and is for those who want to commit to at least one year of service nationally, rather than internationally. Since its inception in 1994, more than 1 million AmeriCorps members have contributed over 1.4 billion hours of service to their country while leveraging millions of community volunteers. Local YWCA AmeriCorps members served more than 65,000 hours in 2016-17, benefiting the metro-Birmingham area, Shelby, Blount and St. Clair counties.

Partnering with AmeriCorps through the Alabama Governor's Office of Volunteer Services and the [Corporation for National and Community Service](#), YWCA Central Alabama and its partner agencies have been able to further change the lives of people in need and reshape the fabric of our community.

To apply for the YWCA's "Building Communities, Bettering Lives" AmeriCorps program, please visit <http://www.ywcabham.org/ameri-corps> and submit a resume and cover letter to Angela Abdur-Rasheed at ameri-corps@ywcabham.org.

YWCA Central Alabama is a United Way agency dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. The YWCA provides child development programs for children of homeless and working poor families; safe, affordable housing; a broad array of domestic violence services; and social justice programs. For more information, please visit www.ywcabham.org, <http://www.facebook.com/YWCACentralAlabama> and <http://www.youtube.com/ywcentralal> or follow @YWCentralAL on Twitter.