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**Anytown Alabama Ends with a Focus on Transformation and Inclusivity**

**BIRMINGHAM, AL., June 10, 2016** – More than 75 high school students from all over the Greater Birmingham area are finishing up a life-changing week at Anytown Alabama, a social justice leadership camp. Participants engaged in dialogue, games and interactive workshops that tackled issues such as racism, religious oppression, sexism and classism.

As Anytown comes to a close, students will participate in an engaging workshop that helps them translate their experience at Anytown into action to transform their schools and communities and make them more fair and inclusive for all.

The media is invited to attend the closing ceremony on **Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at YWCA Central Alabama (309 23<sup>rd</sup> Street North, Birmingham, AL 35203).**

Anytown Alabama is a week-long residential camp started by the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) in 1989, and it is now a partnership with the YWCA Central Alabama.

Students learn to respond to difficult real-life situations with kindness, courage and respect. They also learn to appreciate other cultures and beliefs while celebrating their own. Interaction with a diverse group at Anytown also prepares students for life after high school, when cultural sensitivity and the ability to communicate with different types of people are crucial.

**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 more information, please visit [www.ywcabham.org](http://www.ywcabham.org), [www.facebook.com/YWCACentralAlabama](https://www.facebook.com/YWCACentralAlabama) and [www.youtube.com/ywcentralal](https://www.youtube.com/ywcentralal) or follow @YWCentralAL on Twitter.

**About NCCJ of Alabama**

NCCJ of Alabama, the National Conference for Community and Justice was founded in 1932 and is dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry and racism through advocacy, conflict resolution and education. Led by an all-volunteer board since 2010, NCCJ raises funds through its Brotherhood and Sisterhood Awards Dinner to support Anytown Alabama.

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