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### **Anytown Alabama to Honor Alumni and Supporters**

**Birmingham, AL., March 9, 2016** — Anytown Alabama, a social justice leadership camp for high school students, has helped shape a generation of leaders in the Greater Birmingham area for more than 25 years. **Alumni and supporters of Anytown will be honored Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Wine Loft, 2200 First Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203.** The event is open to those 21 years and older.

At Anytown, students are challenged to help make their schools and communities more fair and inclusive for all. Delegates learn to respond to difficult situations with kindness, courage and respect. They also learn to appreciate other cultures and beliefs while celebrating their own.

The camp was started by the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) in 1989 and has been a collaboration between YWCA Central Alabama and NCCJ since 2011. In addition to traditional summer camp activities, the delegates participate in workshops and activities that focus on issues including sexism, racism, classism, and immigration status. After Anytown is over, students return to their communities ready to make a change and involve others in their mission to transform their surroundings.

Many members of Birmingham's leadership communities have ties to Anytown, either as alumni or supporters. Being connected to Anytown shows a commitment to wanting to understand the problems of today and pledging to help make a difference.

Applications for high school students interested in Anytown are currently available at [www.ywcabham.org/applications-anytown-alabama](http://www.ywcabham.org/applications-anytown-alabama). The deadline is April 15, 2016.

#### **About the YWCA**

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 than 112 years, the YWCA Central Alabama has responded to the needs of women, children and families by providing child development and after-school enrichment programs for homeless children; affordable housing; domestic violence services; and social justice programs. For information, visit [www.ywcabham.org](http://www.ywcabham.org).

#### **About NCCJ**

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 supports Camp Anytown, whose mission is to promote understanding and respect among all races, religions and cultures.