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YWCA AmeriCorps Program Welcomes 2015-16 Members

BIRMINGHAM, AL., August 28, 2015 – The YWCA Central Alabama’s “Building Communities, Bettering Lives” AmeriCorps program will welcome new members on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015 for the 2015-16 program year. The men and women from Alabama and around the country will take part in a year of full-time service at the YWCA and its 16 nonprofit partner agencies.

After participating in training Sept. 1-4, the members will serve in areas such as social justice, domestic violence services, homelessness prevention, civic and environmental engagement, education, and empowerment. They will kick off the year by serving at the *9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance* at the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama in Birmingham.

Similar to the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps is a national service program designed for those 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. 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 2015-16 term. For more information on the YWCA’s AmeriCorps program and how to apply, or to see members in action or schedule an interview, contact Angela Moore at 205-322-9922, ext. 206 or email americorps@ywcabham.org.

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 than 112 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.