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YWCA AmeriCorps Program Welcomes New Members

Birmingham, AL., Aug. 24, 2016 – YWCA Central Alabama’s “Building Communities, Bettering Lives” AmeriCorps program will **welcome new members Sept. 1, 2016** for the 2016-17 program year. **Men and women from Alabama and around the country will participate in training Sept. 1-2 and 6-8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the YWCA, 309 23rd Street North, Birmingham, AL 35203.**

The new members will begin a year of full-time service benefiting the YWCA, its 18 nonprofit partner agencies and the community. Members will serve in areas such as social justice, domestic violence services, homelessness prevention, civic and environmental engagement, education and empowerment.

In addition to YWCA programs, the members will serve with: *AlaQuest Collaborative for Education, Mothers’ Milk Bank, SafeHouse, One Roof, Heart Gallery of Alabama, Norwood Resource Center, Birmingham Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program, YouthServe, Girls Inc., Woodlawn Foundation, Junior Achievement, Alabama Environmental Council, Freshwater Land Trust, Food Bank of Central Alabama, Railroad Park Foundation, Girls on the Run, YMCA Northeast Branch and Mayor’s Office of City of Birmingham.*

As part of their initial service, members will also mark the 9/11 National Day of Observance on Friday, Sept. 9 by serving at the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama, 107 Walter Davis Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209 from 9 a.m. to noon.

A national service initiative, AmeriCorps is similar to the Peace Corps, and is for persons desiring to serve nationally rather than internationally. Since the program’s inception in 1994, nearly 1 million AmeriCorps members have contributed more than 1 billion hours in service to their country while leveraging millions of community volunteers. Last year, local YWCA AmeriCorps members have served more than 50,000 hours benefiting the metro-Birmingham area, Shelby, Blount and St. Clair counties.

Partnering with AmeriCorps through [Serve Alabama](#) and the [Corporation for National and Community Service](#) since 2009, 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 for the 2016-17 term. For information and details on how to apply, contact Angela Moore at 205.322.9922 ext. 206 or americorps@ywcabham.org

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 information, please visit www.ywcabham.org, www.facebook.com/YWCACentralAlabama and www.youtube.com/ywcentralal or follow @YWCentralAL on Twitter.