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**YWCA Seeks Student Delegates for Anytown Alabama**

**Birmingham, AL, March 26, 2018** – YWCA Central Alabama is recruiting high school delegates for **the Anytown Alabama Teen Leadership Summit, set for June 3-9, 2018**. Students currently in grades 9-11 are encouraged to apply. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with real world issues related to economic struggles, discrimination, and justice for all groups of people. **The deadline to apply is April 13, 2018.**

Over the span of one week, about 80 Anytown delegates will learn how to engage in open and supportive dialogue with a variety of people, respond to real life situations with kindness and courage, and work together to build an inclusive community. Anytown's safe and structured environment gives teens the space, training, and tools they need to grow, personally and professionally, into the leaders of the future.

Founded by the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) nearly 30 years ago, the first summit occurred in Birmingham in 1989. Since then, Anytown has reached thousands of young people nationwide and left lasting impacts on many lives. NCCJ and the YWCA have partnered since 2011 to bring this annual experience to Alabama's brightest teen leaders.

The cost for the week-long residential program is \$450, however scholarships are readily available. No student will be turned away because of inability to pay. For additional information and applications, visit [ywcabham.org/anytown-alabama](http://ywcabham.org/anytown-alabama) or contact Joni Wiley at [jwiley@ywcabham.org](mailto:jwiley@ywcabham.org) or 205.322.9922, ext. 184.

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.ywcabham.org), <http://www.facebook.com/YWCACentralAlabama> and <http://www.youtube.com/ywcentralal> or follow @YWCentralAL on Twitter.