



Meet Sara

“Mission: Atlanta is when I really learned what it means to put others before myself. Mission: Atlanta is a week of service and leadership, when teens help underserved children in various communities.

The YMCA makes me a little more active by getting me out of my comfort zone and serving others. It helps me feel better about myself, because I know I can make a difference in someone else’s life.

I became involved with Mission: Atlanta through my involvement with the Teen Leaders Club at the Forsyth County Family YMCA. I attend the Teen Leaders Club every Tuesday night. It brings a lot of excitement and is encouraging no matter what life dealt us that day. It’s a place where I make friends who are a good influence on me.”

Make an Impact

Dear Members and Friends,
Because of your collective influence and impact in 2008, more than 2,330 children and families were positively impacted through generous Partner With Youth annual campaign contributions. Your donations helped to provide \$776,000 in scholarships and subsidies that:

- ★ **Challenged** 250 underserved youth to become better leaders, strengthen character and expand life experiences by providing one week scholarships at resident Camp High Harbour.
- ★ **Gave** 125 families with troubled teens the skills to develop positive communication through ongoing support group sessions in collaboration with the juvenile court system.
- ★ **Empowered** future leaders by sending 98 suburban youth to the streets of Atlanta to lend a hand to underserved populations. They provided more than 2,400 hours of community service over 5 days which included: serving 1,800 lunches to Atlanta’s homeless and under-resourced families, beautifying local homes and parks, and giving 10 children the gift of swim lessons.

Share the Y with others. Give a child a place to belong. Offer programs to those who have the least and need us the most. Every cent goes directly to children and families in the community, and your donation is tax deductible. What you do today can mean changed lives, stronger communities and brighter futures tomorrow. Please give generously. Thank you.

Melanie Platt
2009 Partner With Youth Campaign Chair

YMCA Mission

Your YMCA, reflecting its Judeo-Christian heritage, is an association of volunteers, members and staff, open to and serving all, providing programs and services which develop spirit, mind, and body.

Financial assistance is available based on need.

The YMCA actively seeks to identify and involve those in need.



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