



YMCA OF METRO ATLANTA
2016 IMPACT REPORT

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Because of you, thousands of kids, teens, and families in our community had access and opportunity to be a part of our Y last year. Your support brings us closer to our vision to champion communities where everyone belongs and has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

In 2016 – our Y accomplished so much – thanks to our volunteers, members, partners, and staff – working together to reach our association’s goals.

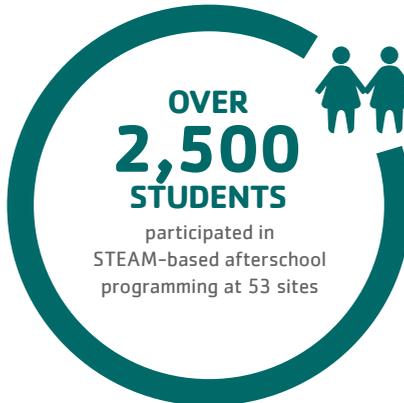
Guided by our strategic plan’s four-part agenda, Y-2020, our Y develops programs and services to: Empower Healthy Living, Ensure School Readiness, Improve Academic Achievement, and Inspire Civic Leadership.

The generosity of our donors to the WHY IT MATTERS Annual Giving Campaign ensures no child, teen, or family is turned away from the Y due to financial difficulty. Thank you for supporting our mission to ensure ALL people, regardless of financial ability, have access and opportunity to be a part of our Y. Your support truly makes a meaningful difference in the lives of those who need the Y most.

YOUR IMPACT

At the Y, we believe all people – especially children – deserve an equal chance to reach their full potential. Thank you for believing in this, too. The generosity of our donors and partners, like you, gave over 250,000 kids, teens, and families the opportunity to be a part of our Y in 2016.

Because of you:





MEET JARED

2016 Teen Leader of the Year,
Wharton Scholarship Recipient

“I can always count on Jared to step in and lead”

– Minutha Mahadevaiah, Teen Initiatives Manager

Jared Palmgren was named the YMCA of Metro Atlanta’s 2016 Teen Volunteer of the Year for his outstanding service and leadership to his local Y. Jared serves his local Y through Teen Leaders Club, summer day camp, special events, fundraising, the play center, and Global Service Leadership: South Africa team. Jared grew up through the Teen Leaders Club – and now guides its direction – helping to facilitate service projects and fellowship activities for teens in his community. Through his fundraising efforts, Jared works to ensure other kids and teens can have the same opportunities he has gained through the Y, regardless of background or ability to pay.

Minutha continues, “Jared’s leadership roles with camp, the Global Service Leadership: South Africa team, and work in the play center at the McCleskey-East Cobb Family YMCA are all testaments of his dedication to being a true servant leader.”



MEET CHRISTOPHER

2016 Spark Teen Leader
Wharton Scholarship Recipient

“Christopher is consistent, honest, and respectful – a born leader who is never afraid to follow a just cause.”

– Kevin Ellis, Youth & Teen Program Coordinator

Christopher McCrary Jr. is the Y’s 2016 Spark Teen Leader Award Recipient and the East Lake Family YMCA’s Teen Leader of the Year for his continued commitment to his local YMCA and the teens and families it serves. Christopher is a Leader-in-Training and serves the East Lake Family YMCA through the Teen Advisory Board, Global Service: South Africa team, Young Men’s Leadership Academy, Teen Center Volunteer Club, and day camp.

Christopher says, “The Y has exposed me to so many different experiences and has given me the opportunity to see things I wouldn’t have been able to see otherwise. The Y has shown me different leadership styles, and has introduced me to not only Y leaders, but also business and community leaders throughout Atlanta.”

**The YMCA of Metro Atlanta is proud to congratulate Jared and Christopher, the 2016 Wharton Scholarship Recipients.
The Y is grateful to have teen leaders like Jared and Christopher advance the Y’s mission throughout metro Atlanta.**

Each year, two teens receive a scholarship from the Robert F. Wharton Endowed Fund. This fund was created by the Wharton family to continue the legacy of Robert Fleming Wharton to inspire, encourage, and motivate young people through scholarships for academic opportunities and athletic programs.

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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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