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## **YWCA<sub>s</sub> TO PROMOTE *UNITED WE SERVE* INITIATIVE JUNE 22 – SEPTEMBER 11**

Washington, DC (June 22) – The YWCA USA applauds The President’s and First Lady’s new national service initiative, *United We Serve*, that calls on Americans to participate in community service this summer, and to make service a way of life to volunteer and improve their communities.

“Our nearly 300 local YWCAs offer a variety of interesting, meaningful and engaging volunteer opportunities that serve women, girls and families,” said Lorraine Cole, PhD, YWCA USA’s CEO. “Volunteers can support our battered women’s shelters, transitional housing programs for homeless women and their children, childcare and tutoring programs, job trainings, health and wellness programs, and racial justice educational events – just to name a few. The programs of the YWCA are life changing for those we serve and life affirming for volunteers who give their time and want to make his or her community a better place.”

Individuals can go to [www.serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov) to find nearby YWCA community service volunteer opportunities (type YWCA in the search field on the Web site).

*United We Serve* is coordinated by the federal Corporation for National and Community Service in partnership with The White House, numerous federal agencies, non-profit organizations, faith-based groups, advocacy groups, labor unions, educational institutions, businesses, corporations, foundations, and all levels of government. It will culminate with a National Day of Service and Remembrance on September 11 to recognize the summer’s accomplishments, honor those who died on September 11, 2001, by serving in their memory, and encourage Americans to make an ongoing commitment to service.

*YWCA USA is a national not-for-profit membership organization that provides social service, advocacy, education and leadership development. It is dedicated to eliminating racism,*

*empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Established in the United States in 1858, the YWCA is the oldest and largest national women's organization, and celebrating its 150th anniversary. Through its nearly 300 affiliated local YWCAs and its headquarters in Washington, D.C., the YWCA serves 2.5 million women and girls each year. Globally, the YWCA USA is a member of World YWCA, which has affiliates in 103 countries that serve 25 million women and girls worldwide. Visit [www.ywca.org](http://www.ywca.org). Contact: Nancy Loving, at 202-467-0801, cell 202-641-1845 or [nloving@ywca.org](mailto:nloving@ywca.org).*

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