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2016 Volunteer Celebration
YMCA OF GREATER LOUISVILLE

Thursday, April 14, 2016
The Henry Clay
PROGRAM

I. Welcome................................................................. G. Bradley Smith
   Chairman, Association Board of Directors
   YMCA of Greater Louisville

II. Introduction of Board Members ......................... G. Bradley Smith

III. Invocation............................................................. Bev Beckman
   Northeast District Family YMCAs
   Board Member & Campaign Chair

IV. Dinner................................................................. Catered by The Silver Spoon

V. 2015 Outstanding Volunteer Awards ...................... Steve Tarver
   President/CEO, YMCA of Greater Louisville
   & YMCA Branch Executives

VI. 2016 Annual Campaign Honorees ........................... G. Bradley Smith,
    Steve Tarver &
    Branch Executives

VII. President’s Remarks.................................................. Steve Tarver
ASSOCIATION SERVICES

Barbara Lankford is an active member of the YMCA and began serving as a volunteer about six years ago. She has twin sons that were engaged in our Child Enrichment Program (CEP) when they were younger and Barbara began her volunteer service with YMCA through CEP in 2010. She joined the YMCA Association Services board in 2012. She served as the 2015 Annual Campaign Chair and returned as Chair in 2016. Under her leadership, the YMCA Association Services Campaign raised more money than any ASO Campaign to date. Barbara is the Director of Market Planning for Kindred Healthcare, a member and volunteer with the Rotary Club of Louisville and also volunteers with the religious education and youth ministry programs at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. When we asked Barbara why she volunteers for the YMCA, she simply said, “Because the Y brings everyone joy”.

Barbara’s enthusiasm and dedication to the mission of the YMCA is contagious. We are proud to recognize her as the YMCA Association Services Volunteer of the Year.

BULLITT COUNTY FAMILY YMCA

Phillip Bryant has volunteered with the Bullitt County Y for 19 years. He has helped our School-Age Child Care Program with several special events and helps move equipment from one child care location to another in preparation for summer or the school year to begin. For the past four years, we have had bikes to use at our Summer Camps. Not only does Phillip help move these bikes from storage to four different locations at the start of summer and then back to storage at the end of camp, he also makes sure that they are safe for the kids to ride. He repairs them every year, replacing pedals, tires and tubes. Phillip puts in around 50 hours per year on bike maintenance and upkeep. Without his dedication to this special project, the youth who attend our camps may not have the chance to rides bikes throughout the summer. Every year when he goes to pick up the bikes, our campers tell him how grateful they are and ask if he will be back with the bikes next year.

The Bullitt County Family YMCA wishes to thank Phillip, our Volunteer of the Year, for his dedication to the children in our community and to our YMCA.
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CHESTNUT STREET FAMILY YMCA

Wanda Ramsey joined the Chestnut Street Family YMCA Board in March 2015. She immediately took on an active leadership role as 2016 Annual Campaign Chair. Wanda was recently recognized as one of our 2016 Adult Achievers during our annual Black Achievers Celebration. She has enthusiastically supported our Y by volunteering with Kid’s Cafe, Chestnut Street Transitional Housing and Black Achievers. Wanda is a Louisville native and a graduate of the University of Louisville’s Speed Scientific School where she earned a B.S. in Industrial Engineering. She later went on to earn a M.B.A. in Global Business at the University of Phoenix. She spent many years in the automotive industry and has recently returned to Louisville to work for GE Appliances. Wanda is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and attends Burnett Avenue Missionary Baptist Church.

We are excited to have Wanda so involved with the Chestnut Street Family YMCA and we are honored to recognize her as our Volunteer of the Year.

CLARK COUNTY FAMILY YMCA

Jose de Jesus Napoles moved to the United States from Mexico in 2010 for a position with his company, having earned his Master’s Degree from the University of Guadalajara. Already highly ranked as a master with the World Taekwondo Federation, Master Napoles began his search for a place to teach and continue his practice. At first, he was disillusioned by what he found – too much focus on the profit and not enough focus on the students. Then, Master Napoles was introduced to the Clark County Family YMCA Taekwondo Program and found what he was seeking – highly skilled teachers who were dedicated to their students. Through the leadership of Master Napoles, the program has grown and improved each year. Because of his commitment, the program can now offer two separate tracks of certification valid anywhere in the world. Although Master Napoles could have founded his own program, he decided to work with the YMCA and help to create the only Official Certified WTF and ITF Dojang from Chicago to Nashville.

The Clark County Family YMCA Taekwondo Program has become what it is today due to Master Napoles and we are grateful to honor him as our Volunteer of the Year.
• 2015 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR •

DOWNTOWN FAMILY YMCA

Jill Shea has been an active member of the Downtown YMCA for over six years. She also leads the Downtown Y’s monthly Togetherhood volunteer project. Each month, a group of members volunteer to prepare dinner for the families staying at the nearby Ronald McDonald House. To date, Jill has been the leader for planning and preparing 17 monthly dinners, serving 60-70 people at each meal. Jill plans the menu, does the shopping and runs the kitchen. She leads everyone to work in harmony, so that the meal comes together and all the families are served. The volunteers prepare the food, serve it and clean up after. This past November, Jill and another dedicated volunteer meet early and prepared a special Thanksgiving menu so these families could experience a sense of holiday joy. She makes every meal special and lets the families know that here in Louisville we are compassionate and that we will always be here for those in need.

It is with great honor and gratitude that we recognize Jill Shea as the Downtown Family YMCA Volunteer of the Year.

FLOYD COUNTY FAMILY YMCA

Martin Padgett is the CEO of Clark Memorial Hospital. Martin is also an incredibly engaged and devoted volunteer for the YMCA. He has been a long-time Y member, has served as a Campaigner for our Annual Campaign and volunteer coach for Youth Sports and is an active, dedicated YMCA Board Member. He first started volunteering at the Y when he moved to southern Indiana from Lexington in 1997. Soon after, he was asked to serve on the Board of Directors. During his first tenure on the Board, he served as Treasurer, Board Chair and Annual Campaign Chair. After reaching the term limit on the Y Board, Martin took a break from serving in that role but his commitment to the Y mission brought him back a few years later. He again served as the Board Chair and was instrumental in the merger negotiations with the YMCA of Greater Louisville. Martin once said that after his church, the Y is his charity of choice.

We are so very fortunate to have a volunteer like Martin Padgett and we are excited to honor him as the Floyd County Family YMCA Volunteer of the Year.
NATIONAL SAFE PLACE

Paul W. Hamann is President and CEO of The Night Ministry in Chicago, which provides housing, health care and human connection to the poor and homeless and operates 53 shelter beds for homeless youth. Over eight years as the CEO, Paul has contributed greatly to his agency and to the field of runaway and homeless youth. He has generously given his time, expertise and experience to work with the National Safe Place Network this past year. He has presented workshops at both our FOCUS and RHYTTAC and conferences, served on the National RHY Grantees Conference Planning Committee, volunteered to facilitate the keynote youth panel and was instrumental in the planning of a pre-conference institute on leadership development. Paul also helped develop a leadership institute initiative to support emerging leaders in the field, presenting a 90 minute webinar on the topic and serving as the head on a panel of experts assisting with development.

A dedicated professional, Paul represents the very best in the field of servant leaders. National Safe Place is pleased to honor him as our Volunteer of the Year.

YMCA AT NORTON COMMONS

Vince Esposito has been a Board Member at the Norton Commons Y for the past two years. His division in the 2015 Annual Campaign raised the most funds to date for the YMCA at Norton Commons. He has also provided expertise to campaign volunteers, given his sales management background. On multiple occasions, Vince has volunteered to attend various YMCA staff events to provide a member perspective on the services we deliver. He continues to be a conduit for initiating many valued partnerships for our Y within the community. The most recent example of this is a new partnership with Northeast Christian Church. This partnership will help us grow our Togetherhood program, while also working to support the outreach initiatives within the church community. Vince exercises daily at the Y and can always be seen connecting members to one another.

We are proud to have Vince represent the YMCA at Norton Commons as our Volunteer of the Year and we are grateful for his service to our mission!
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NORTHEAST FAMILY YMCA

Luke Davis is a passionate, kind-hearted and energetic fundraiser. This is his second year lending his time and talents to the YMCA Annual Campaign. After his grandfather passed away from cancer, Luke decided to create and sell artwork to specifically benefit the local LIVESTRONG Program participants in honor of his memory. Luke is in the second grade at Norton Elementary and can be found most evenings completing his homework in the lobby at the Northeast Y. He enjoys soccer and basketball, but states that “swimming is a great cross-trainer for both sports.” At home, he has a German Shepherd named General Schwartzkopf and a hamster named Flash. Luke’s two older brothers, Logan and Liam, along with his parents, Tricia and Jeff, happily support and encourage Luke’s volunteerism!

Congratulations Luke on being named the Northeast YMCA Volunteer of the Year!

OLDHAM COUNTY FAMILY YMCA

Lee Hamilton was recruited to serve on the Oldham County Family YMCA Board of Directors in 2012 and hit the ground running! He quickly became involved in the Annual Campaign and took on various leadership roles. In 2014, he was asked to step into the role of Board Chair and has been there ever since. Lee has been extremely engaged, working to keep the Board thriving with active, involved members. He is such a positive role model for other members of the Board and they enthusiastically follow his lead! This past year, Lee has made a special effort to recruit the next generation of our Board, which has brought new energy and excitement to our volunteer leaders. It’s not uncommon to find Lee in the pool helping struggling swimmers learn to improve their strokes. And if you’re not currently a Y member or donor - watch out. Lee will recruit you so fast you won’t know what happened! He’s currently involved in leading the Board search committee to find the next Executive Director for the Oldham County Y.

Lee’s passion for the Y and positive outlook are unparalleled and we are so lucky to honor him as the Oldham County YMCA Volunteer of the Year.
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SOUTHEAST FAMILY YMCA

Dave Mulvey first started volunteering after joining the Boy Scouts at age 7. He continued his service work with Scouts through high school and into adulthood. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor Member with five palms. Dave has served in many volunteer capacities with community churches to include leading the security team, assisting with Men’s Ministry, teaching Sunday School, Lay Speaker for the Methodist Church, singing in the choir, serving meals at Wayside Christian Mission, serving on teams for the Emmaus Community and working with benevolence committees. He began volunteering with the Y in the 1980’s, as a Youth Sports coach. Dave serves on the Southeast Family YMCA Board and is an active Y member and campaigner each year. He is kind-hearted, creative, and always looks for ways to help fellow members or improve a process at our Y.

The Southeast Family YMCA would not be the same without him, so join us in congratulating Dave as our Volunteer of the Year.

SOUTHWEST FAMILY YMCA

Frank Curry has made truly extraordinary contributions of time and talent to the YMCA. A lifelong musician, he graciously shares his talent by playing music at many Southwest Y events each year. Our community events are gaining a reputation for great traditional country and bluegrass music because of Frank. He also plays every month for our Adult Day Center and brings great joy to our participants. If you ask Frank what he plays, he humbly replies “pretty much anything with strings.” In addition to playing music, he also volunteers each year as a Campaigner in the Annual Campaign. Frank has been a member of the Y for 10 years and his calm and affable personality makes him one of the most popular and loved members at our Y. We even had members ask if they could “buy tickets” to come see Frank be honored tonight. Part of his Y family is here, but we probably would have needed a much bigger room to fit everyone that wanted to come celebrate him tonight.

We are so honored to recognize Frank as the Southwest Family YMCA Volunteer of the Year.
• 2015 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR •

YMCA CAMP PIOMINGO

Lejla Bilanovic became involved with YMCA Camp Piomingo in the summer of 2014. She stepped into the role of Camp Counselor with ease and her energy, charisma and passion quickly became evident. In her first summer, Lejla jumped into every opportunity that Camp had to offer, as leadership for every age of camper. Lejla attended all of our year-round activities as a volunteer, as well as joining our staff team to help promote Piomingo at local camp and job fairs. She enjoys any time she has at Camp and often finds herself visiting us just to have a quiet place to do some of her college work. In the summer of 2015, Lejla was a Unit Leader within our Teen program and we are excited to have her joining us again this summer as our CIT Director. She has made her mark over the past two years through her dedication to our Annual Campaign, her commitment to our year-round activities and by helping recruit new campers and staff to join us for our summer adventures.

At Camp Piomingo, whenever we need someone to help out, Lejla is there with a smile and a pep in her step. Thank you for being our Volunteer of the Year.

YMCA SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE

Deana Downs volunteered in the summer of 2015 with YMCA School-Age Child Care, through our Gutermuth Summer Learning Program. There, she provided invaluable support to those students who were struggling to read at grade level. She was highly recommended to volunteer for the YMCA by her supervisor from the Americorps REACH program. As a volunteer, Deana exudes an incredible amount of patience in supporting those children who were struggling. She would practice writing words, spelling them out loud and reading sentences over and over again until she felt confident the student was beginning to understand and apply what they had learned. She arrived every day single day at the site using public transportation, but her commitment to these children went well beyond just getting to the program. Her passion for their success meant she often came in early and stayed late to make sure every child got the attention that they needed to thrive.

Our YMCA School-Age Child Care programs are able to succeed because of people like Deana and we are proud to honor her as our Volunteer of the Year.
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YMCA SAFE PLACE SERVICES

**Missy Fountain** has been a champion of the Y-NOW Children of Prisoners Mentoring Program since 2008, when she first began serving as a mentor. After four consecutive years of mentoring, Missy was trained in 2012 as one of eight original “Honeybees,” or Participation Managers. She continues to serve in this role at group meetings, where she mentors in various ways to the youth, volunteers and staff involved in the program. Make no mistake, Y-NOW staff may set the agenda and prepare meeting materials, but Missy controls the room – keeping everyone on task and on schedule. She shows up and helps lead the way at every camp, every Thursday night meeting and every special event. As Director of Uspiritus, she has a passion for helping and connecting young people with the resources they need to thrive. She has a gift for balancing seriousness with sarcasm, guidance with trust and tough love with tenderness in every interaction she has with youth.

We are so grateful that Missy chooses to share her gifts with Y-NOW year after year, and honored to present her with our Volunteer of the Year Award.

YMCA SAFE PLACE SERVICES

**JOYCE SKEES YOUTH SERVICE AWARD**

**Nikki Thornton** is the Director of Program Operations for True Up, a movement that empowers young people in foster care to lead self-sufficient, productive lives. She earned her Bachelor’s of Psychology from the University of Louisville in 1998. She began her work with foster youth in 2000 and has worked in various youth support programs throughout her career. She is a member of Coalition Supporting Young Adults (CSYA), Passport’s Quality Member Access Committee (QMAC), Human Trafficking Alliance, Independent Living Coalition, KY Partners for Youth Transition and Compassionate Louisville. She is also a Certified Youth Care Professional, Level Three. Nikki has been a great support to Safe Place Services, especially the Youth Development Center. Since September 2014, True Up has been providing monthly community speakers for our life skills classes. She has offered objective input at staff roundtables and has served in other advisory roles, giving feedback and acting as a resource. She also sponsored a table at our Together 4Teens Breakfast.

Nikki has been an incredible resource for YMCA Safe Place Services and we are thrilled to honor her with this year’s Joyce Skees Youth Service Award.
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2016 YMCA ANNUAL CAMPAIGN AWARDS

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Dawn Diehl    Campaign Chair
Darcy Simpson    Campaigner of the Year

YMCA at Norton Commons
Jack Matthews    Campaign Chair
Maggie Neithammer    Campaigner of the Year

YMCA Safe Place Services
David Krebs    Campaign Chair
Dave Brennan    Campaigner of the Year

YMCA School-Age Child Care
Jeff Steffen    Campaigner of the Year

Southeast Family YMCA
Michelle Irwin &    Campaign Co-Chairs
Crysten Minzenberger
Emily Felhoelter    Campaigner of the Year

Southwest Family YMCA
Shelley Spragens    Campaign Chair &
Campaigner of the Year
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OUR MISSION
To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

OUR CAUSE
Strengthening the foundations of community.

OUR VALUES
Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility

The Y is the nation’s leading nonprofit committed to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
Nurturing the potential of every child and teen.

HEALTHY LIVING
Improving the nation’s health and well-being.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
Giving back and providing support to our neighbors.

ABOUT OUR YMCA
Every day, we work to make sure everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Through our Membership branches and services like School-Age Child Care, Safe Place Services, Youth Sports, Swim Lessons, Camp Plomingo and Summer Camp, our impact is felt when a healthy choice is made, a child is inspired and when our community comes together for a common purpose.

The Y is dedicated to helping more people feel healthy, confident and secure. It is through the support of our committed volunteers, like those honored here tonight, that we are able to fulfill this promise every day.