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GENISE VERTUS

About Genise

- English is her second language. Her native language is Haitian Creole.
- She is the first in her family to get a college degree in the United States. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Miami, FL and a master's degree from UGA.
- She is ambidextrous. Even though she is left-handed, she writes with her right hand.

Why She Loves the Y

She loves the Y because of its supportive atmosphere. "Staff members are always very encouraging in helping me reach my fitness goals. This makes me take part in new and different activities at the Y." Genise traveled to Tanzania this summer and summited Mount Kilimanjaro. She trained



for this hike at the Y. She wasn't sure if she would make it, but was determined to try and sure enough she did! She is a teacher at Barrow Elementary School and wanted her students to be a part of this international journey. She brought a turtle pen, a very familiar item in her classroom, with her to highlight special moments in the trip. For all of these things, we love having Genise as a part of the Y family!

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