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# Y It Matters

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A briefing from CEO Shae Wilson to friends of the Athens YMCA and Camp Kelley

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE HEAT

We know it's important for kids to keep active and continue learning during the summer months. That is why we operate Camp Kelley and continue to raise funds to ensure that every child can enjoy the Y and camp. Last summer, we put those funds into good use providing financial assistance for 80 children.

This will be the Camp Kelley's 81<sup>st</sup> year! More than just fun summer memories, these campers learn skills and the importance of values like caring, respect, honesty, and responsibility. Campers were offered basic swim instruction 2 days per week and experienced team building activities on our new low ropes elements. We were able to impact 557 lives over 9 weeks and 450 hours in 2016.

Teens in the Leaders-in-Training program learned the importance of leadership and faith. All LIT's completed a water safety course and assisted with all camp swim instruction. In the Kelley Leadership Award program, staff learned the value of displaying a great work ethic, continuously developing character, and broadening their lens of the communities they serve.

Our goals for Camp Kelley 2017 are to continue offering aquatic safety lessons to **every child** registered for day camp, offer 2 snacks per day, enhance the "options" list, revamp Friday "Water-Day," and offer lunch to all campers. Making an impact is what we do best. We are unable to do so without the help of our community partners, donors, and friends.

Last, but certainly not least, the Athens YMCA will celebrate 160 years of service in March of this year. We're so excited to have your children as a part of the Athens YMCA legacy!



Our mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

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