

why the Y

Dear friend of the Athens YMCA,

When so many got hit hard by hurricane Helene, our staff packed up and headed to the Y family of greater Augusta to help distribute food for their community.

Despite still not having power and water, their Y showed up with ours for the sake of their neighbors. We were able to package roughly 1500 meals in only a few hours. The power of community shined through as we sang “Lean On Me” together:



I always say, *“our work is too hard not to have fun.”* And I have the most incredible team that live the lyrics of “Lean On Me” and my philosophy out. **Let’s see why our staff choose to be a part of our Athens Y:**

*"We are truly a family, but a working family... Whether it's at our Y, another Y, or another organization in our community, **answering the call to help comes natural to us.**" - Youth and Family Program Director, Gina Jackson*

*"**Everyone of us helps in every area that we can.** Shae, the leader of this mad group, is the first one to be there. We all follow that example because we want this Y and our family to succeed." -Building Operations Director, Tammy Langford*

*"**This team is special** due to our shared purpose of commitment to our community and building others up." -Wellness Director, Elyse Giles*

*"Working for the Athens YMCA is the BEST! **Our team is family.** We work together like a well oiled machine and will tackle any task or problem that is sent our way." -Finance Director, Laura Osborne*

Thank you for being a part of this family too!

Blessings,

Shae Wilson
CEO