

December 2018

Athens YMCA

## Recent News & Spotlights:

### #GIVINGTUESDAY

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our #GivingTuesday initiatives on Tuesday, November 27th! We provided 54 going home kits for the Athens Area Homeless Shelter, 109 cards to send to deployed troops, and raised \$8205 for the Athens YMCA! We are so grateful to give back to our community and have those who invest in us. Thank you!



### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Meet our December Member Spotlight: Calla! Calla has been a member for 3 months and has already seen drastic changes in her health by swimming 3 times a week. In her spare time, she likes to read, sew and loves being around animals. Here's what Calla has to say about the Y: "When I decided to join, I could barely walk from my car to the entrance of the facility. I am happy to report that over these 3 months, I have seen a dramatic difference. Every single employee I have dealt with has made me feel welcome and that I am a part of this special community. The dedication of the staff shows and is not only directed to the young people whose lives they are helping to shape, but also extends to the 'not as young as we used to be' crowd. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this. I highly recommend it to everyone!" Calla, we are so proud of you!



## Upcoming Events & Registrations:

### EM'S KITCHEN PERCENTAGE DAY

Join us for a percentage day at Em's Kitchen on Friday, December 7th from 7:30 am to 3 pm! Em's Kitchen is located at 975-B Hawthorne Avenue, Athens, GA 30606. Eat some delicious food while giving back to the Athens YMCA!



### JUST FOR KICKS SOCCER TOURNAMENT

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December 8 • 9 am

*Benefiting Youth Futsal*

**REGISTER TODAY!**



Join us for our Just for Kicks Soccer Tournament benefiting the Youth Futsal Program! This event will be a double-elimination, co-ed tournament on December 8th at 9 am. We will take 8 teams for this event. For more info, visit our website. Register at the Y today!

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### JANUARY PROMOTION



Join in January and save! Bring in two boxes of pre-packaged snacks during January and have your joiner fee reduced to \$10. These snacks will go to participants in our after school programs to keep them full and having great days.

### FROZEN GNOME



Frozen Gnome 2019 is coming soon! We will hold this event in January or February. Be on the lookout for more details!

## Upcoming Events & Registrations:

### YOUTH PROGRAMS



*Check out information on our Youth Programs for Spring quarter and registration dates for Camp Kelley and summer programs.*

#### Spring: February 25 - May 17, 2019

Registration starts January 14, 2019

Programs offered include Soccer, Track and Field, Swim, TaeKwonDo, Teen Fitness, Mountain Biking, Junior Drumming and Step Program.

#### Camp Kelley, Summer Swim and Sports Camps

Financial Assistance Lottery: March 4 - March 22, 2019

Early Bird Registration (family membership holders):  
March 25 - April 5, 2019

Open Camp Kelley Registration, Summer Swim and Sports Camp Registration: April 8, 2019

#### Dynamic Days / Holiday Camps

December 17 - 21

January 2 - 4

## Christmas at the Y:

### HOLIDAY HOURS



The Athens YMCA has modified hours and closings during Christmas and New Years.

#### Christmas

**December 24: Closed for Christmas Eve**

**December 25: Closed for Christmas Day**

**December 26: Open 7 am to 6 pm Front Office & Child Watch Closed  
All Fitness Classes Canceled**

#### New Years

**December 31: Closed for New Year's Eve**

**January 1: Closed for New Year's Day**

### ACCA & SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS TREES



Thank you to everyone who participated in the ACCA be a Santa to a Senior and the Salvation Army Angel Tree this year! ACCA presents are due back to the Y on December 7th, and Salvation Army Angel Tree bags are due back December 14th!

## Christmas at the Y:

### HOLIDAY MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES



Our Holiday membership packages make great gifts for everyone on your list! They include a small Y stocking, Y Christmas ornament and a one-month gift certificate.

#### Packages and prices:

Adult: \$45  
Individual Health Club: \$60  
Family: \$60  
Family Health Club: \$90  
Senior: \$35  
Senior Family: \$45

Ornaments are on sale for \$7 each!

## Giving Back:

### SCOREBOARD SPONSORSHIP

We would love to have your logo in our facility! Basketball and Football have deep roots in the Athens YMCA history. Our scoreboards are antiquated and need to be replaced. On average, 14,000 people check into the Athens Y each month. Sponsoring a scoreboard is a great opportunity for your organization to support a worthy cause and realize valuable exposure with year-round marketing. Visit our website for more information!



**Giving Back:**

## SEASON OF GIVING



During the giving season, we hope you will remember the Athens YMCA. In the next year, some of our goals include increasing our financial assistance for active older adults, expanding our swim lessons to teach children the life-saving skill of swimming, and providing snacks for children in our programs year round. We rely on the support of donors to make these goals become a reality.

We offer several ways to donate on a one-time or monthly basis including online, in-person, via mail and through monthly bank draft. In addition, we also accept appreciated stock contributions. If you are interested in learning more about donating appreciated stock, please contact Jacqueline Shirley-Ducote at (706) 543 - 6596 or [jacqueline@athensymca.org](mailto:jacqueline@athensymca.org).

We are so grateful for a community that supports us in so many ways. Your ongoing patronage, advocacy and contributions help us continue serving nearly 10,000 people each year from all walks of life.

## MEMBERSHIP ROUND UP

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Kick off 2019 in the spirit of philanthropy! We are excited to offer the ability to donate to the Athens YMCA through bank draft or credit card! Members have the ability to round up their membership fee by \$4 or an amount of their choice. The additional amount given per month will go towards our annual campaign, which allows us to continue giving out financial assistance to those in need and make beneficial additions to our programming. If you would like more information about our annual campaign or donating through your monthly bank draft, please contact Abby Bramblett, [abby@athensymca.org](mailto:abby@athensymca.org).



MaryAiken Gregg recently celebrated her 2nd birthday! She loves everything Disney, her pug Clemy, and playing outside. Shae and Rob absolutely love being her parents.

Our CEO Shae Wilson-Gregg has been nominated for the ATHENA Award from the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce. This award honors individuals who strive toward the highest levels of personal and professional accomplishment, who excel in their chosen field, devote time and energy to their community in a meaningful way, and forge paths of leadership for others to follow. We are so proud of her and her accomplishments.