

TORI YEARTA NAMED 2015 VOLUNTEER OF YEAR

ATLANTA (Nov. 11, 2015) — Tori Yearta, a resident of Whitesburg, received the YMCA of Metro Atlanta's 2015 Volunteer of the Year award for her service with the Summit Family YMCA. She was honored at the annual volunteer recognition dinner Monday, November 9, 2015 along with other branch volunteers.



Yearta's first connection with the YMCA was in swimming lessons as a child. Now she is a first time volunteer at her local Y in Newnan. She is a volunteer with the tennis program and was part of the annual giving campaign "Why It Matters" in 2015.

The need in her community is what inspired Yearta to work so hard on the annual campaign.

"I didn't realize how many people that come to the Y need financial assistance," said Yearta. "That really challenged me to go out and ask people to donate."

At the end of the annual campaign, she was given an award by the afterschool program kids. That's when she knew she'd made a good decision in choosing to volunteer.

"Kids I'd never seen before from the afterschool program ran to me, hugging me and thanking me," said Yearta. "I could see the difference my support made in these children's lives."

Volunteering has been a humbling experience for Yearta. "It's all about making a difference," said Yearta. "If we can keep one kid from joining a gang or one kid from getting involved in drugs, love one child that may not be receiving it at home, then we've done something."

The Y is a powerful association of men, women and children joined together by a shared commitment to nurturing the potential of kids, promoting healthy living and fostering a sense of social responsibility. Every day, we work side-by-side with our neighbors to make sure everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and connect. Call [404-635-9622](tel:404-635-9622) or visit <http://www.ymcaatlanta.org>.

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