



We have so many great Y Associate Shout Outs today. It's not surprising that the overarching theme is one of teamwork. Thanks for all of the great individual and team Shout Outs and to all of our great Y associates!

Joel Gamble (Senior Executive Director of Corporate Development, Y Development Team)

A HUGE shout out to Joel Gamble! He led the effort to recruit in-house and community volunteers to assist with the opening of Sherman Early Learning Center. With his help we had volunteers from Under Armour, the Baltimore City Police Department, and John Hopkins (to name a few). And a special thanks for getting the Amazon bags for Teacher Appreciation week! You ROCK!!!

And, to all of the Y associates who chipped in to help with the opening of the Sherman Early Learning Center (and they're too numerous to mention) - Who has the best colleagues? I DO!!! Another HUGE shout out to all the wonderful associates who helped unload, unpack and put together furniture at the Sherman Early Learning Center. With the assistance of this amazing team we were able to upload an ENTIRE trailer (yes, trailer) in less than five hours. All while working in the rain! Everyone was positive, helpful and supportive. Teamwork truly makes the DREAM WORK! Thanks for everything! (Submitted by Ameka Smith)

Alexi Grote and the Y Associate Team at Camp Puh'Tok

The Puh'Tok team has been very supportive and accommodating to all the Learning & Development requests to host the Y Supervisor Series sessions and recently the Y Leader Fellowship overnight retreat. From Joe coming to help set up/break down chairs, screens, and heat requests; Elizabeth's great teambuilding activities with the Zip line; Heather's support in redoing materials and knowing when it's not safe in the snow; to Alexi's great leadership and support all the way around. Thank you all for going above and beyond to help enhance the learning experience for our associates! You are appreciated! (Submitted by Christie Ryan)

Lorna Hilliard (Family Services Manager, Y North Chester Head Start Center at Commodore John Rodgers)

Lorna is extremely knowledgeable and always eager to assist. Thank you Lorna! (Submitted by Lisa Carter)

Michael Lewis (Family Services Manager, Y Head Start at Dickey Hill Elementary & Middle School) and Chauncy McGhee (Health Director, Y Head Start)

A big shout out to Michael and Chauncy! They are knowledgeable and always available to assist. (Submitted by Lisa Carter)

Julianne Sterrett (Group Exercise Instructor, The Orokawa Y in Towson)

Julianne always has time for not only the members in her class, but for her fellow associates. She makes sure she stops and asks if anyone has any feedback on her classes, and is always looking for better music, better routines, and better interaction between her and those in her class. She is encouraging to me, as I'm in membership, and didn't use the facility as much as I could or should. She encourages me to come in and move, whether it was in class, or swim, or the fitness floor. Julianne is upbeat, inviting and fun. It's been a pleasure to work with her. (Submitted by Rebecka Williams)

Ashanti Wooden (Resource Aid, Y Elgin Head Start Center)

Ashanti will help wherever she is called and is very compassionate with the students. Thank you! (Submitted by Lisa Carter)

If you have a colleague you'd like to "Shout Out," just fill out the nomination form linked here: [Y Associate Shout Out Nomination](#)

Thanks!

All the best,
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