



We have several wonderful Y Associate Shout Outs. These Y associates show initiative, compassion, teamwork and commitment to the community and the Y's mission.

Denise Pate (Preschool Teacher, The Sherman Early Childhood Center)

Denise is a phenomenal teacher and I am happy to be working alongside her. (Submitted by Nichelle Carter)

Tarisha Swarles (Member Services Representative, The Orokawa Y in Towson)

A very difficult member recently came into the building trying to register for a class that was not offered at Orokawa. Tarisha tried to explain to this member that this specific sports class was not offered at this location. He simply did not want to believe her and asked "can I speak to someone who knows what they are doing." Tarisha handled this insult in a very professional matter. She is always very cheerful and helpful to every member. (Submitted by Frank Holden)

Ryan Mechlinski, Dawn Chrystal-Wolfe, Markeis Pritchett-Simmons, Brendan Maddox, Sarah Hornor, Ty Hornor, Cece Anderson, Nour Farah, Alarikus Hernandez and Jenn Lerew (Executive Director, Universal Associates, Head Guard, Lifeguards, Rockwall Belayers, The Dancel Y in Ellicott City)

This past Saturday, the Dancel Y held their first Sensory Friendly Event with the Howard County Autism Society. We had 51 members of the Autism Community join us for swimming, gym games and rock climbing. I cannot thank this team enough with the amazing event that they provided for our community members! I appreciate the hard work and dedication you each put into it. (Submitted by Jeremy Kirkpatrick)

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JH' with a stylized flourish at the bottom.

John K. Hoey
President & CEO