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A YMCA Volunteer's Story

The YMCA was started by a group of volunteers. They are volunteer led, and collectively YMCA's are the largest non-profit community service organizations in the United States. The basic definition of a YMCA volunteer is "anyone who willingly gives time to help the YMCA accomplish its mission without getting paid by the YMCA."

The Pickens County YMCA has seen huge growth in the amount of volunteers within the last few years. Volunteers help with special events, landscaping, swim team and more. One of these volunteers is Loretta Hamby. She does anything from answering phones, greeting and assisting members, watching children in Child Watch as well as helping staff with special projects.

Loretta says, "In my experience at the YMCA, I see that the people that work here care about the welfare of others. It is a kind and loving environment. They live what they mean. They talk the talk and walk the walk of Christian principles. I don't see why anyone would not want to be a part of that."

Jennifer Murray, Volunteer Champion at the Pickens County YMCA, works actively with all the volunteers. She says, "Loretta has been a real asset not only to the YMCA, but to me as well. She always puts 100% into anything she is asked to do. She does a fantastic job with both the members and staff. We are very lucky to have her here."

For more information on how you can become a volunteer, please contact Jennifer Murray at 855-9622 or jennifermurray@pcymca.net. Visit www.pcymca.net to see what volunteer opportunities are currently available. Please consider helping your YMCA by volunteering your time, talents and/or resources. Do something good. Volunteer at the YMCA.



Jennifer Murray and Loretta Hamby