



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

# WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY

Today, only 27% of people say they feel closely connected to their neighbors. While people feel increasingly isolated from one another, community needs often go unmet. Togetherhood®, the Y's member-led volunteer service program, aims to reverse these trends. Y members from all backgrounds work side by side with neighbors and partners to plan and implement volunteer projects that strengthen their communities.

Together we can make a difference.

## BENEFITS OF TOGETHERHOOD®

### Good for individuals

Volunteering improves people's well-being, helps them forge strong relationships, and gives them an outlet to explore their passions and discover their purpose.

### Good for the community

Togetherhood leverages the Y's powerful network and cause-driven mission to unlock people's potential to improve lives and contribute to a stronger and more connected society.

### Good for the Y

Through Togetherhood, the Y is mobilizing a movement of highly engaged members who are using their creativity, passion and hard work to transform communities. In the process, we're demonstrating to potential donors and partners that we're more than just a gym and swim—we're a charity dedicated to strengthening community.

Pledge your Y's commitment to implement Togetherhood:  
[yexchange.org/SocialResponsibility](http://yexchange.org/SocialResponsibility)

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## TOGETHERHOOD® SIGNATURE PROGRAM FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

CRITICAL SOCIAL ISSUE  
ADDRESSED:  
Social isolation and  
community  
disconnectedness

GOAL:  
Connect members to each  
other in service to the  
community.



## BY THE NUMBERS

### As of February 2016

- 341 participating branches
- Active in 41 states
- 13,300 volunteers activated
- 382 projects completed
- 587 partnerships cultivated

"We are finding that many of our Y members yearn to give back and sometimes just don't know how to get started. Togetherhood is that vehicle, providing members with the opportunity to lead, plan and serve."  
- Staff member, Merrimack Valley YMCA (MA)

"I now see the Y as the house of the community, where people come together to make a better society."  
- Member, Rye YMCA (NY)

