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**THE Y IN CENTRAL MARYLAND SELECTED AS PARTICIPANT
AT NBC NEWS' PANEL AND LIVE FORUM**

Panels will focus on the education of U.S. children

(Baltimore, MD) – In recognition of The Y in Central Maryland's commitment to and leadership in youth development, the organization has been selected as a participant in NBC News' "Supporting Our Children. It Takes Everyone" forum on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at the Baltimore Museum of Art. The event will be broadcasted live from 7-8 p.m. on NBC affiliates nationwide, including WBAL-TV, and streamed live [online](#) from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The forum is a part of "Education Nation," NBC News' initiative to engage citizens in a solutions-focused conversation about the state of education in the United States. It consists of six separate panels: Parents are Powerful; Healthy Living, Happy Kids; Beyond the Classroom; Education as Empowerment; Advocating for Equity; and Dream Big, Start Now. Senior Vice President of Youth Development and Social Responsibility Michelle Becote-Jackson will represent the Y on the Beyond the Classroom panel, which focuses on children's social and emotional development and takes place from 6:40-7:00 p.m. NBC News Chief Education Correspondent Rehema Ellis will moderate the panels.

"Youth development is a core focus of our mission at the Y in Central Maryland," said John Hoey, president and CEO of the Y in Central Maryland. "To be recognized for our work in the community by being asked to participate in a national forum is truly an honor."

The event is open to the public, but guests must register online at <http://conta.cc/1PRT4uU> to reserve a seat. Viewers and guests are encouraged to use the #SOSevery1 during the event to join the conversation and share their opinions about education in the United States.

Our Mission:

The Y in Central Maryland is a charitable organization dedicated to developing the full potential of every individual through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Our Commitment:

At the Y, we are committed to providing family-oriented, affordable, high quality programs.

A cause driven organization with three areas of vital focus:

- *For Youth Development:* nurturing the potential of every child and teen
- *For Healthy Living:* improving our community's health & well-being
- *For Social Responsibility:* giving back and providing support for our neighbors

The Y is a place for everyone. People of all races, ages, faiths, gender, abilities, backgrounds and incomes are welcome and financial assistance on a sliding scale is available to those who would otherwise be unable to participate.

Our Values:

Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility

More information can be found at www.ymaryland.org.

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