

YMCA SUNDAY TO INCLUDE OPEN HOUSE

Greenville, OH (January 7, 2009)—YMCA's all over the country will be celebrating YMCA Sunday on January 18. First celebrated in 1952, the Sunday celebration reaches out to people through the community's churches and reignites the YMCA's relationship with the church community.

YMCA Sunday brings the community together to celebrate the Y's efforts as a Christian, non-profit organization, and encourages others to become a part of the YMCA community through membership, financial support and volunteerism.

The YMCA of Darke County works to fulfill its Christian mission in many ways. The YMCA participates in food drives and programs that help others such as FISH, and we participate in the 30 Hour Famine. The YMCA also works with teens through leadership programs teaching character development.

The YMCA offers Christian education programs. We currently have a Women's Bible Study group that meets weekly on Wednesday afternoons as well as a new and exciting program called Journey to Freedom which meets on Thursday evenings.

Locally, the YMCA of Darke County will be hosting an open house at both its facilities on Sunday, January 18 from 1-6 pm in Greenville and 1-5 pm in Versailles. All church members in the county are invited.

The mission of the YMCA of Darke County is to develop the whole person—spirit, mind and body—through character development programs that reinforce Christian principles and that build strong kids, strong families and strong communities.

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