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## **YMCA Good Neighbor Store Summer Summit and Celebration for Youth**

[Fort Lauderdale, June 7, 2017]— Greetings, you are cordially invited to a culmination event for the Good Neighbor Store (GNS) youth on **Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm to 6pm at the Urban League of Broward County.**

The Good Neighbor Store Program (GNS) guides high school and middle school aged youth through project-based learning and guided self-discovery in areas of healthy eating, physical activity, community health, youth leadership, issues of food and social justice, along with an understanding of health disparity and equity within their own community. Through this program youth learn about their local food, tobacco, and general neighborhood store environment in order to assess the healthfulness of their community's convenience store(s). As a result, youth develop a number of recommendations to make the store healthier and present these before their peers, families, different partners, and even city officials. Local small businesses and store owners get to learn about how they can help to improve their community as well and are offered incentives to be a part of the program and process. The YMCA of South Florida, in partnership with Broward Regional Health Planning Council's TOUCH collaboration, has guided over 120 youth in programs throughout Broward County – Ft. Lauderdale, Lauderhill, Lauderdale Lakes, Broward Municipal Services District, Pompano Beach, Hallandale and Dania Beach. Youth in Lauderhill, Lauderdale Lakes, Pompano Beach and Dania Beach have even presented to their local City Commissions to share about the learnings and potential impact of their work.

During this event, GNS youth will be coming together for a **GNS Summer Summit and Awards Celebration**. We will be highlighting the GNS end of year key learnings and successes along with an awards ceremony for the youth, partners, advisors and some of the local community store owners as well.

- Here is some media on the GNS project: [Good Neighbor Store on NBC January 2017](#)
- Video about the program: [Good Neighbor Store - What is GNS?](#)

Please let us know if you think you are able to make this event – we truly look forward to hearing GNS youth share more about their experiences!

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### **About the YMCA of South Florida**

The Y is a leading nonprofit committed to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Every day, the Y works hard to build healthy, confident, connected and secure children, adults, families and communities through over 200 afterschool, preschool, special needs, sports, camp and youth programs, family centers, and senior health outreach sites. To learn more, visit [www.ymcaofsouthflorida.org](http://www.ymcaofsouthflorida.org), connect on Facebook or Twitter, or call a Y near you.



# YOU ARE INVITED to the **GOOD NEIGHBOR STORE** SUMMER SUMMIT AWARD CEREMONY

**Date:** Tuesday,  
June 13, 2017

**Time:** 4:30PM - 6:00PM

**Place:** Urban League of  
Broward County  
560 NW 27th Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

*About the event:*  
Includes GNS Report, Networking, Awards  
and Celebration

To register and for more information, please  
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There will be light refreshments and an award ceremony.  
We appreciate your participation and support for this initiative  
and want to recognize you!

