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SCRIPTS FOR RECRUITING TOGETHERHOOD® COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Instructions: These scripts can be used by the Chair and/or the Y Staff Advisor to recruit Togetherhood Committee Members.

After gathering recommendations from all staff (particularly front line staff who know members well) for potential Togetherhood Committee Members, compile a list of at least 12 individuals in order to recruit a minimum of six people to join the committee.

Here are some different ways that Committee Members may be recruited:

General recruitment through email, phone or an in-person conversation (in-person is always best): *“Our Y is running a volunteer program called Togetherhood. This program gives Y members a way to get to know people and strengthen our community through volunteerism. The program is led by a committee of Y members that decides on projects and carries out at least four service projects per year. Our staff team nominated you for this committee.”*

We’re looking for people who:

- *Are passionate about building relationships among people of diverse backgrounds*
- *Represent all dimensions of diversity in our membership and community*
- *Appreciate the benefits of volunteering for individuals and the community*
- *Advocate for working together and with community partners to create a more cohesive community*

Members of the Togetherhood Committee are expected to:

- *Attend monthly planning meetings for one year*
- *Select and lead or co-lead one of four community service projects each year using a simple Togetherhood program toolkit*
- *Invite fellow Y members and neighbors from diverse backgrounds to participate in projects*
- *Promote projects to friends and networks within and outside the Y”*

Ask members to attend an informational meeting: *“We’re running a new volunteer service program called Togetherhood. We are hosting an informational meeting [insert time and date] to discuss the program in more detail. Our staff team thought you would be perfect to join the Committee. Would you like to attend to learn more?”*

Make the invitation personal and from someone they know. *“Our Y is running a volunteer program that gives Y members a way to know people and build a more cohesive community through volunteerism. Would you like to learn more about the program and the opportunity to join the Committee over coffee?”*