

YMCA BLUE RIDGE ASSEMBLY
Black Mountain, North Carolina



"Blue Ridge is like a family. I love the values, I like the feeling of being a part of something big. It was the best decision of my life to come here." – Laura Palacios, Blue Ridge Staff from Zaragoza, Spain

## THE BLUE RIDGE SPIRIT SOCIETY

Our staff has the Blue Ridge Spirit! The Blue Ridge Spirit Society is our group of Blue Ridge-employed givers: those of us who serve at the Assembly and see the impact of our work each day. We are committed to driving our mission forward so that all can experience the joy, growth and impact of time on the Mountain.

All staff, from those here for a summer to those with us year-round, are encouraged to become Blue Ridge Spirit Society members. We make giving easy: most Blue Ridge staff elect to reserve a set dollar amount from each paycheck, to be put toward our Annual Campaign. Staff may also give on a monthly or yearly basis via check.

## A CULTURE OF PHILANTHROPY

At Blue Ridge, our work leaves a lasting impact on the lives of those who come through our doors. Children, teens and families benefit from our programs: characters are developed, confidence is improved, and bonds with one another are strengthened. Our staff knows that giving to our cause reflects our commitment as a center of excellence, and enables lives to be transformed every day. It is with that spirit that we serve in all we do.

All Blue Ridge Spirit Society members will receive a t-shirt\*, which will be worn collectively as a staff team one day each week.

Current staff can visit the Advancement Office or contact our Development Assistant at 828-210-8478 to join the Blue Ridge Spirit Society.

\*A minimum donation of \$15 in one year, which may be given all at once or taken out by paycheck, is required.

"The impact that the Y has on the community and the world itself, it's very eye opening. It really made me appreciate how accepting we are as a YMCA" — Polly Keen, YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly Ambassador