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Media availability with two-time Olympic sprint champion LaShawn Merritt at the YMCA of Portsmouth on Nov. 16

LaShawn Merritt, two-time Olympic champion in track & field, is committed to giving back to his community through the United States Olympic Committee's Team for Tomorrow program. As part of Team for Tomorrow, Merritt will visit the YMCA of Portsmouth on Friday, Nov. 16.

Beginning at 4 p.m., Merritt will share his personal story with young people and also speak about the importance of living an active and healthy lifestyle. Following his presentation, Merritt will lead the participants in various physical activities.

This event, which is open to the media, will take place at the YMCA of Portsmouth located at 4900 High Street West in Portsmouth, Va. Merritt will be available for interviews at the conclusion of the program.

The USOC launched Team for Tomorrow in 2008 in partnership with U.S. Olympians and Paralympians to provide a vehicle through which U.S. athletes can offer their assistance and support to those in need around the world, as well as a means to continue spreading the Olympic Values of excellence, friendship and respect. Through this initiative, U.S. athletes offer assistance and support in the form of donations, volunteerism, disaster recovery support, advocacy and other contributions to communities.

For more information on the U.S. Olympic Committee's Team for Tomorrow program, visit TeamUSA.org.

- WHAT** Team for Tomorrow presentation
- WHO** [LaShawn Merritt](#) – 2008 Olympic champion (400m, 4x400m relay) and member of the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team
- WHEN** Friday, Nov. 16 – program begins at 4 p.m.
- WHERE** Portsmouth YMCA
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