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The YMCA of South Hampton Roads recognized local volunteers at its annual meeting at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott. Local volunteers played a vital role working with youth last year and were given a **YMCA Service-to-Youth Award**. Western Branch resident Melody Mondell lends a hand to help make experiences for youth at the YMCA the best possible. She began volunteering for the Taylor Bend Y during the 2008 We Build People campaign. She helped raise pledges during that fundraiser. When the aquatic center opened, Melody was there again to help and during the summer she led an arts and crafts program. She has also created a tutoring program. "Because of her commitment, Melody will be joining us on the board," said Keaton Finch, Taylor Bend YMCA executive director.