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The YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee Celebrates 160 Years of Community Service This Wednesday, Nov. 7

MILWAUKEE – (November 6, 2018) - The YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee is launching its 160th year in Milwaukee with a big CELEBRATION this Wednesday, November 7 at the spectacular Milwaukee Art Museum.

Join the YMCA from 5:30-7:30 pm to recognize, reflect and honor 160 years of service to the community, while hearing from President and CEO, Carrie Wall at 6:30 pm about a new, focused vision that continues the legacy of impacting lives through Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility.

“Our new vision focuses on our neighbors and their needs,” said Wall. “The YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee is committed to continue tackling issues such as the achievement gap, nurturing the academic potential of young minds, preventing childhood drowning, teaching safe and healthy habits for a lifetime and more.”

The program at 6:30 pm is highlighted by special messaging from Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and Wall, while a number of local influencers will be recognized for their contributions to the Y movement:

6:30 PM: PROGRAM AND RECOGNITION

Proclamation: Mayor Tom Barrett, City of Milwaukee

Thrive With The Y: Carrie Wall, YMCA President & CEO

Awards:

- VOLUNTEER: Jill G. Pelisek
- SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: Northwestern Mutual
- HEALTHY LIVING: Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin
- YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: Teddy Werner

In addition, the YMCA Board of Directors welcomes additional community difference-makers to the celebration: Richard L. Schmidt, Jeffrey Lueken, Jessica S. Lochmann, Richard Canter, Debbie Allen, Anne Ballentine, Kalan Haywood, James Klauck, Hon. Derek Mosley, Chris Marschka, John W. Mellowes,

Bruce A. Miller, Kevin Newell, Mary E. Panzer, Jill G. Pelisek, Rachel Roller, John F. Steinmiller, Bob Venable, Gregory M. Wesley and Tina Chang.

Dignitaries to attend: Milwaukee Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton, State Senator Alberta Darling, and District Attorney John Chisholm.

The celebration is being presented by a host of Milwaukee-area companies and stake-holders that believe in the YMCA mission:

- GOLD SPONSORS - Aurora Health Care, Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin
- SILVER SPONSORS - BMO Harris Bank, C.G. Schmidt, Children's Hospital of WI, Findorff, National Insurance Services, Syslogic
- BRONZE SPONSORS - Ascension, Charter, Direct Supply, Goodwill, Hub, Hupy & Abraham, Rogers Behavioral Health, United Healthcare, UWM Foundation, Zizzo Group, Jill G. Pelisek, Carrie & Tom Wall

The evening festivities will include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, music and inspirational Y stories throughout.

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About the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee

For 160 years, the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee has strengthened the foundations of our community by "Putting Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all." There are five locations throughout the Milwaukee area, as well as YMCA Camp Minikani in Hubertus, along with over 50 program sites where we're committed to being advocates for healthy families and partnering with others to improve the greater good in Milwaukee County.