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YMCA of Southwest Florida Celebrates Outgoing Chief Volunteer Officer David Dignam, welcomes Dorothy Korszen as new CVO and names Keith Farlow, Director Emeritus.

VENICE, Florida – YMCA of Southwest Florida celebrated its accomplishments under the leadership of outgoing Chief Volunteer Officer, David Dignam. YMCA of Southwest Florida also welcomed incoming Chief Volunteer Officer, Dorothy Korszen and named Keith Farlow, Director Emeritus.

David Dignam served as Chief Volunteer Officer from July 2021 to June 2023 and has been a dedicated YMCA volunteer for many years. David is Owner and President of Key Agency Inc., Insurance. Under his leadership as Chief Volunteer Officer, YMCA of Southwest Florida increased its impact by serving Desoto County and led the way as the Y expanded services into Manatee County through a successful merger. In addition, David guided the organization through challenges following Hurricane Ian as well as the Y's rapid community response. David also led the process to develop the 2020-2023 YMCA of Southwest Florida Strategic Plan prior to serving as CVO. David will remain on the Board of Directors and serve as Immediate Past Chair.

Dorothy Korszen will step in as the incoming Chief Volunteer Officer. Dorothy has served on the YMCA of Southwest Florida Board of Directors since 2011. Her most recent roles were Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. Dorothy serves as a Director at Farr Law Firm where she focuses on trusts and estates, real estate and business and corporate law.

Keith Farlow served as CVO from 2019-2021 and has been a Board Member for 10 years. He was instrumental in the strategic vision of the organization and service area expansion and also the selection of the current President & CEO, Gene T. Jones, and the organization's response to the pandemic.

"Our Board of Directors create impact in our communities for the simple fact that they lead by example and through actions." said Gene T. Jones, President & CEO. "The growth of our Y equates to the direction and vision of its leadership. I am blessed to be in a position to work with such a distinguished board of directors. I am honored to work with Dorothy as chair as we continue our journey and enter the next season as the Y.

YMCA of Southwest Florida serves the counties of Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Desoto, Lee, Hendry and Glades through programs that promote youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Everyone in the communities served by YMCA of Southwest Florida has access to its programs through the YMCA Scholarship Fund. Regardless of their inability to pay, financial assistance is available due to community partners and donors' support.

For more information on YMCA of Southwest Florida, community members are encouraged to contact Jamie Browning, Vice President of Development, YMCA of Southwest Florida, at (941) 492-9622 or JBrowning@ymcaswfl.org.

YMCA BRANCHES

Bonita Springs YMCA
Bradenton YMCA
Englewood YMCA
Fort Myers YMCA
Franz Ross YMCA
Lakewood Ranch YMCA
Punta Gorda YMCA
Venice YMCA

SKY ACADEMIES

SKY Academy Englewood
SKY Academy Venice

EARLY LEARNING ACADEMIES

Charlotte Harbor YMCA
Early Learning Academy

The Suwyn Early Learning Academy
at Bonita Springs YMCA

Venice YMCA
Early Learning Academy

YMCA Early Learning Academy
at PGT Innovations

OFFSITE LOCATIONS

Cooper Street Recreation Center
YMCA Camp Estero

ALSO SERVING

Cape Coral
Clewiston
Estero
Labelle
Lehigh Acres
Moore Haven
North Port
Sarasota

About YMCA of Southwest Florida

YMCA of Southwest Florida is a leading non-profit strengthening southwest Florida communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Driven by its founding mission, the Y has served as a leading non-profit committed to strengthening community for more than 175 years. The Y empowers everyone, no matter who they are or where they're from, by ensuring access to resources, relationships and opportunities for all to learn, grow and thrive. By bringing together people from different backgrounds, perspectives and generations, the Y aims to improve overall health and well-being, ignite youth empowerment and demonstrate the importance of connections in and across Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Desoto, Hendry and Glades Counties.

YMCA of Southwest Florida's 2020-2023 Strategic Plan charts a clear direction for the association and anchors the YMCA's efforts in three initiatives: sustainability, people and community.