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YMCA of Southwest Florida Welcomes Nicholas Grant, Jodi Allen and Dr. Karin Kroeger to its Board of Directors

VENICE, FL – YMCA of Southwest Florida is pleased to announce the election of Nicholas Grant, Jodi Allen and Dr. Karin Kroeger to its Board of Directors. The addition of these distinguished individuals underscores the YMCA’s ongoing commitment to community development, leadership and strategic growth.

Nicholas Grant is the Director of Government Relations for Lee Health. A proud alumnus of Florida State University, Nicholas earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He is also a graduate of the Chamber of Southwest Florida’s Leadership Lee County program, which cultivates community leaders in Lee County. He has also served on the Fort Myers YMCA Community Board since 2022 and was appointed to the Lee County Disaster Advisory Committee in 2023.

Jodi Allen is the Vice President/Senior Relationship Manager for Sunwest Bank and serves as the Community Board Chair for the Lakewood Ranch YMCA. She is actively involved in various community organizations, including the State College of Florida Foundation and We Care Manatee. Jodi graduated from the University of Florida with a BS in Business Administration.

Dr. Karin Kroeger practiced Family Medicine in the Finger Lakes region of New York for 30 years before retiring and moving to Sarasota. She earned her bachelor's degree from Syracuse University and her Doctorate from Upstate Medical College.

Each of these leaders brings a wealth of experience and a shared passion for the YMCA’s mission of fostering youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

Dorothy Korszen, Chief Volunteer Officer, said, “The addition of Nicholas Grant, Jodi Allen, and Dr. Karin Kroeger to our board brings fresh perspectives and a renewed energy to our organization. Their leadership and vision will be instrumental as we navigate the challenges and opportunities ahead.”

“We are thrilled to welcome these three outstanding individuals to our board,” Gene T. Jones, President and CEO of YMCA of Southwest Florida, added. “Their combined expertise and dedication to our mission will help us continue to grow and make a positive impact in the lives of those we serve.”

The Y’s Board of Directors is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the organization, ensuring financial stability, and upholding the values and mission of the YMCA. The addition of these new members will further strengthen the board’s ability to guide the organization towards a brighter future.

YMCA BRANCHES

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

SKY ACADEMIES

SKY Academy Englewood
SKY Academy Venice

EARLY LEARNING ACADEMIES

Charlotte Harbor YMCA
Early Learning Academy

Bonita Springs YMCA
The Suwyn Early Learning Academy

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
DeSoto
Estero
Labelle
Lehigh Acres
Moore Haven
North Port
Parrish

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.

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.