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**YMCA of Greenwich Names Matthew Skaarup as New CEO**

*Skaarup Brings 25 Years of Nonprofit Management to the Organization*

[GREENWICH, CT, November 15, 2021] The YMCA of Greenwich announced today that Matthew Skaarup has been appointed as its new Chief Executive Officer. Selected by the Board of Directors, Skaarup will succeed Patrice Francois who has been serving as the Interim Chief Executive Officer.

In his new role, Matt will be responsible for increasing membership services, family and youth programming, and further developing community wellness initiatives. Matt will assume responsibilities on December 6, 2021.

Matt began his YMCA career in New York State with the Capital District YMCA in Albany. In his tenure, he has assumed progressively responsible roles at multiple branches within the association. Matt is currently District Executive Director with oversight of the Guilderland and Duanesburg branches and is project lead for the management agreement with the Fulton County YMCA.

"During our search for a new CEO, we looked at candidates throughout the tri-state region, but Matt's energy and vision for the Greenwich YMCA are what made him stand out," said Shahryar Oveissi, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the YMCA of Greenwich. "With Matt's extensive experience in nonprofit management and passion for social responsibility and healthy living, we know that the YMCA of Greenwich will have outstanding leadership for years to come. We welcome Matt as the Greenwich YMCA celebrates its 105th Anniversary serving the community."

"The YMCA of Greenwich's Board of Directors would also like to take this opportunity to thank Pat Francois who has been serving as the Interim CEO," added Oveissi. "Her dedication and commitment to the Y allowed our organization to function smoothly and efficiently while we searched for the right candidate."

Matt has over 25 years of experience in nonprofit management. He is a seasoned mission-driven leader and critical thinker who has a proven track record developing effective community partnerships and fundraising on behalf of the underserved members of the community.

"It is an honor to have the opportunity to lead an organization that has such a meaningful impact on the lives of the Greenwich community," said Matthew Skaarup. "I look forward to continuing the vital work the YMCA has provided for over a century and finding new ways to serve the people of Greenwich."

Matt received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Manhattan College.

**About the YMCA of Greenwich**

The YMCA of Greenwich is one of the largest community-based organizations in Greenwich, CT. Founded in 1916, the YMCA of Greenwich offers programs and services that promote and sustain healthy living, youth development, and social responsibility in order to nurture the potential of everyone in our community. To learn more about the YMCA of Greenwich visit: <http://www.greenwichymca.org>

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