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Ridgewood YMCA announces new Officers to Board of Directors

[Ridgewood YMCA] —June 22, 2021 The Ridgewood YMCA today announced their new slate for Board of Directors including Shannon Warren who takes the reigns as Board Chair from retiring Chair Tom Schmidt . Tom will serve on the non-profit's Executive Committee after the completion of his two year term as Board Chair. Kate Clifford Toomey has accepted the position as Second Vice Chair with Fred Hnat as First Vice Chair.

Ernest Lamour, President & CEO of the Ridgewood YMCA said, "We are so grateful for Tom's leadership through what were possibly the most challenging years the YMCA has faced in it's nearly 120 year history. Because of his dedication, commitment and belief in the mission of our Y, we were able to stand strong for our community when they needed us most. As we are now poised to grow our programs and services, I could not be more excited to have Shannon Warren at the helm. Shannon comes to us with a breadth of experience in the corporate world and a personal passion for giving back to her community.

Part of my vision for the Y when I joined as President & CEO nearly five years ago was for our Boards and staff to more accurately reflect the richness and diversity of the communities that we serve, and while long overdue, I am honored to have Shannon serve as our first female Board Chair." said Mr. Lamour.

Mrs. Warren commented, "The Ridgewood Y is truly the hub of our community, and demonstrated this with such strength and grace during the darkest days of the pandemic. I was proud to see Ernie and his staff so quickly mobilize to address the most critical needs: outreach to our most vulnerable population, hosting emergency blood drives, orchestrating weekly food distributions and developing crucial mental wellness resources. The future of the Y is bright and I could not be happier to serve alongside Ernie as Board Chair."

For more information about the Ridgewood YMCA's programs, services and community outreach initiatives, contact Anne McDonnell, amcdonnell@ridgewoodymca.org.

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About the Y

The Ridgewood Y offers programs and community connections that positively impact lives through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, building spirit, mind and body for all.

The Ridgewood Y is a nonprofit charitable organization that serves youth, adults, and families founded on Christian principles and committed to strengthening our Northern New Jersey and Camp Bernie communities since 1902, as part of a worldwide YMCA. www.ridgewoodymca.org