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KYLE DODSON NAMED Y PRESIDENT & CEO

Organization prepares to mark 150th anniversary with new leader

March 21, 2016 -- Burlington, VT – The Greater Burlington YMCA announced today that Kyle Dodson of Burlington has been selected as the organization's next President & CEO. Dodson will step into the role as of May 2nd.

"The Greater Burlington Y is not only an organization with a rich 150 year history, but it continues to identify and address the challenges facing our communities," Dodson said. "I am both thankful and excited to work with an engaged staff and supportive community to ensure a strong future for our Y; one that continues to see the Y's role as a leader for years to come," Dodson added.

Dodson's background is in education, finance and service and he brings with him a deep passion for community. After working in the world of finance in New York City, his first professional opportunity in Vermont was at St. Michael's College, where he held several positions starting in 1995. He then went to the Boston Public Schools for four years where he was the Founding Principal, from 2004 to 2008, of Lee Academy Pilot School in Dorchester. At Lee Academy, he built the school's staff of 50 from the ground up for a student population of 350.

Since 2008, Dodson has served at Champlain College as Director, Center for Service and Civic Engagement. During his tenure at Champlain he has been responsible for placing 1,000 Champlain students annually in an array of local, regional, and national organizations where they have provided a range of volunteer services.

"Kyle Dodson has been an important leader in helping our students become part of the Burlington community through volunteer service. We will miss Kyle's tremendous energy on campus and heartily congratulate him on this next step. We look forward to working him on the strong education and service partnerships that already exist between Champlain College and the YMCA," said Champlain College President Donald J. Laackman.

Beyond his professional connections to the community, Dodson has been deeply engaged in several organizations, including current or past service on the

Burlington School Board, the ECHO Leahy Center for Lake Champlain Board of Directors, and in his role as Co-Chair of the City of Burlington's Ad Hoc Committee for Diversity & Equity.

"The Y is incredibly fortunate to have Kyle taking the helm," said Renee Bourget-Place, Chair of the Greater Burlington YMCA's Board of Directors. "His breadth of experience, understanding of our community and passion will be a tremendous asset to an already strong organization. Anyone who has met Kyle knows that his personal energy and enthusiasm are infectious."

Adding to his strong professional and community background, Dodson has earned an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Vermont, an MBA in Finance and Management from Columbia University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Harvard University.

Dodson, like so many others, has a Y story. His children have attended the Y's pre-school programs, and it has been said by more than one Y staffer that he knows his way around the basketball court at 266 College Street. Dodson lives in Burlington with his wife Christine and their three sons.

Since October, the Y has been led by Interim President & CEO Pam Mackenzie, who stepped into that role after long-time Y leader Mary Burns moved out of state to take a position at another YMCA.

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About the Y

The Greater Burlington YMCA is a non-profit organization with roots in Burlington that date to 1866 with a mission to build a strong community by involving youth, adults and families in programs and activities that develop spirit, mind and body. Last year, the Y awarded \$600,000 in financial assistance so everyone could access the Y's life-enriching programs regardless of ability to pay.