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## **U.S. Rep. Kathy Castor to be Honored at YMCA Signature Event**

**Tampa, FL (Feb. 4, 2019)** – U.S. Representative Kathy Castor will receive the [Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA's](#) 2019 Community Impact Award on Monday, March 4 at 6:00pm. The Regions Community Impact Dinner will be emceed by ABC Action News' Good Morning Tampa Bay Anchors Deiah Riley & James Tully at the Pepin's Hospitality Centre at 4121 N. 50<sup>th</sup> St. in Tampa. More than 500 guests will enjoy dinner, award presentations and videos showcasing the Tampa YMCA's real impact on community members.

The Tampa YMCA recognizes and thanks U.S. Rep. Castor for her dedication and positive impact on Tampa Bay residents. Previous recipients of the Community Impact Award include Jeff & Penny Vinik, Doretha Edgecomb, Richard Gonzmart, Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn, Hillsborough County Commissioners Ken Hagan and Sandra Murman, former Florida CFO Alex Sink, former Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio and former Hillsborough County Superintendent MaryEllen Elia.

Also during the event, Tampa Y Governance Board Member Jill Valenti and her husband, Joe, will receive the Red Triangle Award, given to volunteers whose leadership, dedicated service and devotion to the mission have made significant and lasting impact on the Tampa Y. In addition, 14 Center Volunteers of the Year will be recognized. Special dignitaries will be in attendance, including elected officials from Hillsborough and Pasco counties.

A gift of \$2,500+ to the Tampa Y entitles donors to host a table of eight. To make a donation and RSVP for the Regions Community Impact Dinner, contact [amanda.marshall@tampaymca.org](mailto:amanda.marshall@tampaymca.org) or 813.224.9622 ext. 1272. Media members wishing to cover the event should contact Lalita Llerena at 813.545.7772 or [lalita.llerena@tampaymca.org](mailto:lalita.llerena@tampaymca.org).

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### **About the Tampa Y**

The Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA is a cause-driven [4-star charity](#), strengthening Hillsborough and East Pasco communities for 130 years, through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the Association, 18 facilities engage 160,000+ men, women and children — regardless of age, income or background — to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve our community's health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. The Tampa Y has long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change. [www.tampaymca.org](http://www.tampaymca.org)