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Central City YMCA Marks 20th Anniversary with Party at Ulele

Tampa, FL (Oct. 8, 2014) – The [Bob Gilbertson Central City Family YMCA](#) invites the community to a special 20th anniversary celebration party on Thursday, October 23rd at 5:30 p.m. The milestone event will take place at the new Ulele restaurant in Tampa Heights. Join community leaders, Y staff, volunteers and supporters as we celebrate our past, present and future of strengthening the Central & West Tampa communities.

- What:** Central City YMCA 20th Anniversary Celebration Party
- Who:** Special dignitaries will be in attendance including Current and Former Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA President & CEOs Tom Looby and Bob Gilbertson, respectively; and Ernest Coney Sr., Central City Y's first executive director.
- Where:** Ulele Restaurant, 1810 North Highland Avenue in Tampa Heights
- When:** Thursday, October 23rd, 5:30 p.m.
- Why:** Under the leadership of Former Tampa Y President & CEO Bob Gilbertson, the Central City Y opened in 1994 at Palm and Florida avenues. Former Executive Director Ernest Coney was a catalyst in helping make the \$4 million, 34,000-square-foot facility a reality. Today, with President & CEO Tom Looby at the helm, Central City Y has grown to serve more than 5,000 members, including 1,800 children, primarily from the Seminole & Tampa Heights neighborhoods. The Central City Y's cause-driven, life-changing work is possible thanks to the leadership and generosity of past and present members of the Central City Y Advisory Board and Tampa Y Governance Board.
- Tickets:** Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased at the Central City Y Welcome Center on 110 East Palm Avenue in Tampa. For more information, please contact Operations Executive Director Kim Gilchrist at kim.gilchrist@tampaymca.org or 813.229.9622 ext. 1725.

Media members interested in covering the event should contact Communications Director Lalita Llerena lalita.llerena@tampaymca.org or 813.545.7772.

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About the Tampa Y

The Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA is a cause-driven [4-star charity](#) and one of the area's leading nonprofits, strengthening Hillsborough and East Pasco communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the Association, 19 facilities engage more than 167,000 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