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Hillsborough County Commends Tampa YMCA

Tampa, FL (May 21, 2014) –The Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners commended the [Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA](#) in honor of its 125th anniversary this morning. The Tampa YMCA has been responding to Tampa Bay’s most critical social needs and positively impacting the lives of youth, adults and families since 1889.

“Words can’t really express our gratitude to you and what you’ve done to help us, through our partnership, make recreation affordable and accessible for a lot of families in this community. It means a lot,” Vice Chair Sandra L. Murman told Tampa YMCA President & CEO Tom Looby.

“It’s fun to think about 125 years of service in Hillsborough County but I think what’s even more fun is to think about the hundreds and hundreds of thousands of lives that have been touched by the YMCA over that time period,” replied Looby. “On behalf of the Governance Board, thank you for assisting us in 125 years. We look forward to the next 125 years of serving Hillsborough County residents.”

Today, the Tampa Y includes ten family facilities, four wellness centers, two golf facilities, a community learning center in Sulphur Springs, an outdoor adventure camp in Riverview, a youth and family center in Carrollwood, 33 afterschool program sites and The Family Y at Big Bend Road, currently under construction in Gibsonton. Through these sites and dozens of community outreach projects, the Tampa Y serves more than 167,000 children, teens, active older adults, cancer survivors, chronically-ill community members, at-risk youth, infants, toddlers and families each year.

“It’s an honor for me to be a member of the YMCA and to be one of the 167,000 folks that the Y touched last year,” said Commissioner Ken Hagan. “We’re all familiar with the afterschool programs, summer camps and youth sports but the Y touches folks from every sector in our community in so many different ways; from diabetes prevention to swimming lessons to backpack outreach, to help children prepare for school, to a community garden in Sulphur Springs.”

To learn more about the Tampa Y visit www.tampaymca.org or contact Lalita Llerena at 813-224-9622 ext. 1240 or lalita.llerena@tampaymca.org.

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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