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Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn to be Honored at YMCA Signature Event

Tampa, FL (Jan. 19, 2015) – On Thursday, Feb. 19, The [Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA](#) will honor **Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn** with the 2015 Community Impact Award. The Tampa YMCA recognizes and thanks Mayor Buckhorn for his dedication and positive impact on Tampa Bay residents. Addressing an audience of more than 400 YMCA supporters, volunteers and friends at the Pepin's Hospitality Centre at 4121 N. 50th St. in Tampa, Mayor Buckhorn will speak about the profound impact his leadership and the YMCA have made on the lives of hundreds of thousands of children and families in the community. Previous recipients of the Community Impact Award include Hillsborough County Commissioners Ken Hagan and Sandra Murman, Former Florida CFO Alex Sink, former Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio and Hillsborough County Superintendent MaryEllen Elia.

The Regions Community Impact Dinner, emceed by ABC Action News Anchor Brendan McLaughlin, is an annual event that brings awareness to the Tampa Y's efforts to help kids and families, promote the health and well-being of the Tampa Bay community and help give back to our neighbors in need.

Starting at 6pm, guests will enjoy dinner, an awards presentation and videos showcasing the YMCA's real impact on community members. During the event, Tampa Y Governance Board Member Dena Shimberg will also receive the Red Triangle Award, given to volunteers whose leadership, dedicated service and devotion to the mission have made significant and lasting impacts on the Tampa Y. In addition, 14 Branch Volunteers of the Year will be recognized.

Special dignitaries will be in attendance, including City of Tampa, Hillsborough County Commission and School District guests and other elected officials from Hillsborough and East Pasco counties. A gift of \$2,500 or more to the Tampa Y entitles donors to host a table of eight. To make a donation and RSVP for the 2015 Regions Community Impact Dinner, contact amber.carpenter@tampaymca.org or 813-224-9622 ext. 1241.

Members of the media wishing to cover the event, please contact Lalita Llerena at 813-545-7772 for 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