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YMCA BUILDS BETTER COMMUNITY WITH START OF THE JOHN RICHARDS ACCESS TO THE Y ENDOWMENT FUND

[GOLDSBORO, NC, June 1, 2018] — The Goldsboro Family YMCA has started the John Richards *Access to the Y* Endowment Fund in honor of the Chief Executive Officer's upcoming retirement. John Richards has served the Goldsboro Family YMCA for 32 years and has been CEO since 1997. His commitment to the Y and serving the community has been evident throughout his prestigious career. Richards has chosen to continue his service to the community by designating that the endowment funds be used to provide access to the Y for those who may not otherwise be able to afford a Y membership or its programs.

"I can honestly say over the past 32 years, I have seen miracles happen within the walls of the YMCA," Richards says. "The purpose of the fund is to continue to provide access to the YMCA for everyone, so they can improve the quality of their lives and youth can discover their God-given potential."

Gifts to the YMCA's John Richards *Access to the Y* Endowment Fund provide a stable, enduring source of funding that protects the Y's ability to positively influence our community for generations to come. Endowed funds are wisely invested and held in perpetuity. A portion of the interest earnings is used for financial assistance to the Y. A healthy, well-funded endowment ensures accessibility to the Y today and in the future.

"John has touched many lives during his career and we feel that the Endowment Fund is a great way to honor him. It is only fitting that he request that gifts go towards a cause that allows the Y to be accessible to everyone in our community," said Vanessa Spiron, Sr. Director of Development at the Y.

People who are interested in honoring John and helping support his mission of making the Y accessible for everyone can donate to the John Richards *Access to the Y* Endowment Fund. Donations can be made at the Y's front desk or by visiting www.goldsboroymca.org and clicking DONATE TODAY and choosing the John Richards Endowment Fund Campaign. All donations to the Y and the Endowment are tax deductible.

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The Goldsboro Family YMCA is, and always will be, dedicated to building healthy, confident, connected and secure children, adults, families, and communities. With a focus on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, the Y nurtures the potential of every youth and teen, improves our area's health and well-being and provides opportunities to give back and support neighbors. For more information about the Goldsboro Family YMCA, visit goldsboroymca.org, or call (919)778-8557.



John Richards, CEO Goldsboro Family YMCA