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YMCA FORT WORTH CEO TONY SHUMAN RETIRING AT THE END OF 2020

Fort Worth, Texas – Tuesday, Jun 16, 2020 — After 41 years of service with the YMCA, and 18 years of local leadership, Tony Shuman, President and CEO of the YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth, is retiring at the end of 2020.

"We've been incredibly fortunate to have Tony's leadership in the Greater Fort Worth area for nearly 20 years," Julie H. Wilson, board chair, commented. "We can point with pride to the many achievements our area Y's have accomplished during his tenure."

Some of the Y's top initiatives and achievements under Shuman's leadership include the following:

- Raised over **\$20 million in capital support** to fund the new William M. McDonald YMCA, to renovate the historic Amon G. Carter, Jr. Downtown branch and make improvements at YMCA Camp Carter.
- Increased the number of **Y members** from 25,000 to over **50,000**.
- Doubled the total **number of people served** to over **160,000** in 2019.
- Grew the association's **annual budget** from \$14 million to over **\$25 million**.
- Introduced chronic disease prevention programs such as YMCA Diabetes Prevention Program, LIVESTRONG at the YMCA, Pedaling for Parkinson's, Enhance Fitness Arthritis Management, Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring, A Matter of Balance Fall Prevention, Exert Brain Health, and Y Weight Loss.
- Introduced new programs to address critical community issues such as **Y Feeds Kids** and **Safety Around Water**.
- **Launched the Open Doors program** to make YMCA memberships and programs available to more people (2018).
- Added **five new YMCA locations** and made major improvements and renovations to five other locations in the association, including YMCA Camp Carter.
- Supported the strategy that led to tripling the value of the YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth Endowment Fund.

Facility developments by the Y include:

- Northpark YMCA in collaboration with the City of Fort Worth (2008)
- Hood County YMCA in collaboration with Hood County Commissioners and Hospital District (2006)
- Joshua Community YMCA in collaboration with the City of Joshua (2013)
- YMCA Sports Complex in collaboration with the City of Fort Worth (2013)
- William M. McDonald YMCA in collaboration with the City of Fort Worth (2018)
- Westside YMCA, in collaboration with the City of Fort Worth, transformed into the LVT Rise Community Center (2019)

Shuman began his 41-year YMCA career at the San Diego YMCA as a camp counselor and program director. From there, he moved back to his hometown in Orange County, CA, to run his first branch

as an Executive Director for four years. Moving to Dallas in 1993, Tony spent 10 years as a Vice President of Operations with the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas before moving to Fort Worth as our chief executive in July of 2002.

Since May 22nd, the YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth began a phased reopening after closures due to COVID-19.

Tony has been actively engaged in our local communities, serving in various roles including Renaissance Heights United board and Tarrant County Response Team, Downtown Fort Worth Inc. board, and Chair of the Council of United Way Executives. He has a close relationship with fellow North Texas Y CEOs, Curt Hazelbaker of the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas and Eric Tucker, Arlington Mansfield Area YMCA, where the Y's have collaborated to serve communities even better.

Tony's leadership at the state and national level will be sorely missed. He chaired the Texas YMCA State Alliance Board and the YMCA Employee Benefits Management Committee; and is currently on the board of the YMCA Employees Assistance Fund.

The YMCA's volunteers, staff, donors, Fort Worth and Tarrant County community will miss Shuman's leadership. The Y's Board of Directors has begun the process of identifying a successor that is innovative and mission-driven, undertaking a nationwide search with an emphasis on reaching a diverse candidate pool.

For more information about the Y, Tony Shuman or the Y's reopening from COVID-19 closures, please visit www.ymcafw.org.

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About YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth

With 130 years of service to the Fort Worth area, the YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth serves more than 150,000 unique individuals on an annual basis. Its work impacts our community daily through programs that emphasize youth development, encourage healthy living, and empower social responsibility. The non-profit organization offers diverse family programs including youth sports, youth and government, camping, childcare, swimming and drowning prevention, wellness, diabetes management, and senior-specific adult programs in addition to fitness memberships. The Y has branches in Tarrant, Johnson, and Hood counties. Additionally, it owns and operates YMCA Camp Carter, a year-round facility offering both day-camp programs and residential opportunities for youth. It also owns and operates the YMCA Sports Complex in southwest Fort Worth, providing soccer, baseball, and other youth sports opportunities. For more information visit www.ymcafw.org.