YMCA Announces Executive Director Departure
After Sixteen Years in Eugene, Julie Grossman is returning to Wisconsin

Eugene, Oregon – October 10, 2017 – The Board of Directors of the Eugene Family YMCA today announced the departure of Executive Director, Julie Grossman. After 16 years at the Eugene Family YMCA, Grossman and her family will be returning to her home state of Wisconsin at the end of October.

“Julie has served the Eugene Y and this community in many capacities over the past 16 years,” said YMCA Board President, Danielle Uhlhorn. “Julie’s devotion to building a better Y is a reflection of her passion to help us all build a stronger community — and she did so in many ways both within the Y and with other community organizations.”

Grossman will begin her next chapter as the President and CEO of the Manitowoc-Two Rivers YMCA in Wisconsin on November 13, 2017, returning to her hometown to be nearer family.

The Eugene Family YMCA Board of Directors unanimously selected previous Executive Director, Dave Perez, to return to the interim role. Perez was previously the Executive Director for the Eugene Family YMCA for 25 years and has remained active in the Y’s Capital Campaign to build a new facility. All told, Perez has 50 years with the YMCA including leadership tenures in Los Angeles and Seattle before coming to Eugene.

“I am proud and thankful to have served this YMCA and this community since I began my first days in membership back in 2001,” said Grossman. “For all those years, I’ve been honored to build relationships with so many talented and committed volunteers, staff, members, donors and community partners, who have guided and encouraged me and all of our Y leaders. We have built a strong foundation upon which this Y will continue to thrive and bring incredible programs and services to so many.”

The Eugene Family YMCA is a volunteer-led organization serving nearly 16,000 individuals annually and is the largest child care provider in Lane County. It has an operating budget of nearly $4 million and is currently in a capital campaign to raise $26 million for a new Y facility designed to meet the youth development and healthy living needs in Lane County.

“Our Y has some exciting moments ahead and although we are saddened to say goodbye to Julie, we trust that with her leadership, we were able to build a strong,
savvy team of management, staff and volunteers to continue the Y’s long history of service to this community, beyond its 130 years thus far,” said Uhlhorn.

A committee for a national search for a new Executive Director will be appointed soon.

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**About the Eugene Family YMCA**

The Eugene Family YMCA is one of the region’s leading nonprofits strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across Lane County, the Eugene Y engages nearly 16,000 men, women and children – regardless of age, income or background – to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve the nation’s health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. Anchored in more than just our building on Patterson Street, the YMCA has the long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change.