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GREATER HOLYOKE YMCA NAMES CONOR BEVAN AS NEW CEO

Conor Bevan Brings 14 Years Experience to Organization

Holyoke, Massachusetts, [February 21, 2024]— The Greater Holyoke YMCA has named Conor Bevan as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective March 11, 2024. Selected by the Y's Board of Directors, following a 5-month search, Bevan will succeed Kathy Viens who is embarking on retirement. In his new role Conor Bevan will be responsible for positioning the Y as a vital partner for community change, implementing a strategic plan, fiscal management and more.

"During our search for a new CEO, we looked at candidates from throughout the country but Conor Bevan stood out among the rest", said John McAndrew, Board President. "His energy and vision for the Greater Holyoke YMCA is exactly what we were looking for in a leader. With Conor's experience leading the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford as their Chief Operations Officer, passions towards the Holyoke YMCA and youth programming we are convinced that the Greater Holyoke YMCA will have fantastic leadership for years to come."

"I am beyond grateful and honored to join the Greater Holyoke YMCA family", said Conor Bevan. "From playing checkers with Y members, swim classes, and basketball leagues to volunteering, connections to mentors, and building lasting friendships, I grew up at the Greater Holyoke Y. It is a gift to now be able to further the mission through helping the community achieve their fullest potential in spirit, mind and body".

Conor Bevan comes to the Y with 14 years of experience in the non-profit world, currently serving at Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford as the Chief Operations Officer for more than 2 years. While there, Conor has increased total youth served and average daily attendance by 85%, received national recognition for organizational safety standards, and formally launched three new program focus areas rooted in DEI, STEAM, & Workforce Readiness across 9 sites. Prior to his current role, Conor has held leadership roles at Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke, Springfield Boys & Girls Clubs, Berkshire Health Systems, and as a civilian lead contractor for the Navy. Conor holds a Bachelor's degree from Skidmore College and a Master's in Public Administration in Non-Profit Management from New York University.

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About the Y

The Greater Holyoke YMCA has proudly served the community since 1886. The world's second most played sport – volleyball – was invented in 1895 at the Greater Holyoke YMCA by William Morgan. The Greater Holyoke YMCA delivers on its mission by serving as a premier organization promoting community wellness and family enrichment through cause-driven programs that focus on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

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