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YMCA of Rapid City Announces New Board of Directors

Lori Svoboda and Scott Spencer join as leadership additions to the Board.

RAPID CITY, SD April 2, 2025 – The YMCA of Rapid City is excited to announce the appointment of its new Board of Directors for 2025, marking an important milestone in the continued growth and success of the organization. The newly appointed board members bring a wealth of experience, leadership, and passion for the YMCA's mission of strengthening community through programs and services that support youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

The new Board of Directors will work closely with YMCA leadership to guide the organization in its efforts to address community needs, promote inclusivity, and expand its impact across the region.

"We are thrilled to welcome this group of outstanding community leaders to the Board," said Keiz Larson, Executive Director/CEO of YMCA of Rapid City. "Their diverse backgrounds, expertise, and commitment to our values will be instrumental in helping us achieve our vision of building a stronger, healthier community for all."

The 2025 Board of Directors includes:

- Austin Willuweit, President
- Lynn Kendall, Vice-President
- Heather Bindel, Treasurer
- Stacey Nelson, Secretary

Members: Joel Hermann, Steve Burgess, Tom Collins, Gary Kuhl, Brad Lee, Scott Spencer, Kathi Nelsen, and Lori Svoboda.

The YMCA is confident these individuals will provide the leadership necessary to guide the organization as it continues to grow and evolve. Together, they are committed to fostering an environment of support and empowerment - providing families, youth, and individuals with the tools they need to thrive.

The Board of Directors officially began their term on April 1, and their leadership will play a vital role in shaping the future of the YMCA and its role within the community.

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About the YMCA of Rapid City

Driven by its founding mission, the YMCA of Rapid City has served as a leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community for more than 76 years. The Y empowers everyone, no matter who they are or where they're from, by ensuring access to resources, relationships and opportunities for all to learn, grow and thrive. By bringing together people from different backgrounds, perspectives and generations, the Y's goal is to improve overall health and well-being, ignite youth empowerment and demonstrate the importance of connections in and across 10,000 communities nationwide. Learn more at rcymca.org.