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YWCA Hartford Region Announces Executive Transition

Hartford, Connecticut – YWCA Hartford Region has commenced the initial stages of the Executive Transition process to identify a new Chief Executive Officer upon CEO Deborah Ullman’s announcement that she would retire in June 2017. Supported by an Executive Transition Grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, YWCA Hartford has retained Third Sector New England for the upcoming search and transition. Transition Consultants Catherine Bradshaw and Nancy Jackson with Third Sector will partner with an Executive Transition Team—appointed by the YWCA’s Board of Directors—to lead the transition process. “The YWCA Board is thrilled to be working with Third Sector New England. Our Executive Transition Team is engaged in a productive partnership with our consultants to aptly identify YWCA’s executive leadership needs and to recruit and select a leader who meets those requirements,” noted Executive Transition Team Chair and Board Vice-Chair, Stacy Smith Walsh.

The YWCA’s new CEO will continue the organization’s focus on providing services to women and girls, and their families, in a broad array of programs ranging from early childhood education and empowerment of young women to supportive housing and financial literacy. In addition, the new CEO will continue to serve as a leader in the community on issues related to the YWCA’s mission of empowering women and eliminating racism. The new CEO also will carry forward the organization’s strong financial stability and manage and lead its strategic growth. The search will open formally with a full position description and application materials available later this Spring. Any interim questions may be directed to Stacy Smith Walsh, at sswalsh@travelers.com, or to the lead Transition Consultant, Catherine Bradshaw, at catherine@cadence-consulting.com.

Established in 1867, YWCA Hartford Region celebrates its 150th year in 2017 as the third oldest affiliate of YWCA, a women’s membership movement dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. YWCA Hartford Region provides programs and services in the greater Hartford area including child care, supportive housing, teen leadership development, racial justice awareness, financial literacy, and economic empowerment. For more information, visit www.ywcahartford.org and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
