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YMCA OF PHILADELPHIA & VICINITY
WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO JOHN F. FLYNN

A veteran YMCA CEO brings nearly three decades of experiences in the non-profit sector to the Philadelphia Association

Philadelphia, Pa. – April 30, 2007 – The YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity has appointed John F. Flynn as the new President and CEO of the YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity, effective April 30, 2007. Flynn, a veteran CEO in the YMCA organization comes to Philadelphia from the Capitol District YMCA in Albany, New York, where he served as president and chief executive officer for seventeen years, supervising a \$30 million dollar operating budget.

Flynn began his career with the YMCA in 1978 as the executive director of the Greater Holyoke YMCA, in Holyoke, Massachusetts. In 1986, he became president of the Schenectady County YMCA in Schenectady, New York, serving for four years before being appointed as the first president of the Capitol District YMCA in Albany, New York.

Under Flynn's leadership, the Capitol District YMCA grew from a four branch, \$3.5 million dollar operation with 8,000 members to an eleven branch, \$30 million budget with more than 90,000 members. Some of Flynn's various accomplishments include leading the building of eight new YMCA facilities in the Albany area, being named CEO Child Care Champion by the YMCA of the USA, and raising \$100 million in charitable support for the YMCA.

When announcing the appointment of Flynn, YMCA Board Chair Betsy Gemmill stated, "The Board of Directors of the YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity is delighted to bring an experienced chief executive officer to our organization. John has achieved substantial success in the YMCA and is regarded as one of the National Leaders in the not-for-profit sector."

"I am enthused to join the YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity, which has such a long and strong history of serving the local community," said Flynn. "Our YMCA is working everyday to achieve our objectives of building strong kids, strong families and strong communities, and I look forward to working with an already

capable team of staff and volunteers in an effort to further strengthen the YMCA and our impact on the people that we serve.”

Flynn is a graduate of Springfield College and studied at Loyola University in Montreal. He is certified as a senior director by the YMCA and is involved in many professional associations. In his new role in Philadelphia, Flynn will oversee a nearly \$40 million operation with more than 2,000 employees. The YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity, the region’s largest provider of child care, is best known to people who live in Philadelphia as the Christian Street YMCA, the Columbia North YMCA, the Northeast YMCA, the Roxborough YMCA or the West YMCA. In Montgomery County it’s the Abington YMCA, the Ambler, YMCA the Hatboro YMCA and the Main Line YMCA. In Delaware County it’s the new Rocky Run YMCA.

According to Flynn, “The YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity is embedded in the local community and I am most excited about being involved in programs such as the YMCA Community Development Initiatives offered through Head Start, Early Head Start, Family Home Child Care Network, the Adult Education Center and the network of Day Camp programs and International initiatives.”

The YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity serves more than 52,000 members and 140,000 individuals a year through ten branch locations and 55 program sites in Philadelphia, Montgomery and Delaware counties. In each community it serves, the YMCA is a vital home-away-from home for its members, a link to positive values and a place that strengthens minds, bodies and spirits through programs including: child care and Head Start, summer camp, youth sports, aquatics, YMCA Achievers, water aquasize, adult literacy and more. Throughout the Y, an emphasis is placed on building character through the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

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