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## **DUBUQUE COMMUNITY YMCA/YWCA NAMES TONY CALABRESE AS NEW CEO**

*Tony Calabrese Brings 30 Years' Experience to Organization*

[DUBUQUE, IOWA, January 14]— The Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA has named Tony Calabrese as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective February 18, 2019. Selected by the Y's Board of Directors, following a 3 month search, Calabrese will succeed Sharon Covey who stepped down September 2018. "I am extremely excited for the opportunity to serve as Dubuque Community Y's CEO," said Calabrese. "I look forward to working with the Board of Directors, community and staff to provide the highest quality programs, services and resources for the children, individuals and families served by the Y."

"During our search for a new CEO, we looked at candidates throughout the country Tony stood out among the rest. His vision for the Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA is exactly what we were looking for in a leader," said Wendy Knight, Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA Board Chairperson. "With Tony's experience building membership and passion towards building a strong leadership team, we are convinced that the Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA will have fantastic leadership for years to come."

Calabrese has been an active volunteer leader in the communities in which he has worked and lived, having served on several boards and committees for various civic, social and business organizations including the Scott Community College Foundation Board, Be Healthy Quad Cities, and Bettendorf Rotary.

Calabrese comes to the Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA from the Scott County Family Y in the Quad Cities, where he served for 20 years as President / COO. During this time he helped the YMCA add 5 branches and extensive collaborations with a school district, city, hospital, college and churches. Over his career Calabrese has more than 30 years of experience in the YMCA movement, having held various roles in Kokomo Family YMCA (Kokomo, IN), Clearfield Family YMCA (Clearfield, PA), Dubois Area YMCA (Dubois PA) and YMCA of the Rock River Valley (Rockford, IL). Calabrese earned his Bachelor degree in physical education from Loras College.

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**About the Y:** The Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA serves 15,000 individuals annually in membership and programs with 11 childcare sites located throughout Dubuque and surrounding areas. The Y offers health and wellness activities and programs that include youth sports, school-age and pre-school child care, summer day camp, aquatics, Zipline and classes for all ages. The Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA

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