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A NEW TEAM TAKES THE HELM AT THE YWCA MONTREAL!

Montreal, September 30, 2011 | The YWCA Montreal is proud to announce its new Management team with the appointment of **Ms. H el ene L epine** as ceo/executive director, **Ms. Chantal Laberge** as president of the Board of Directors of the YWCA and **Ms. Anne Mezei** as president of the Board of Directors of the Women's Y Foundation.

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H el ene L epine appointed CEO/Executive Director

The boards of directors of the YWCA Montreal and the Women's Y Foundation along with the entire YWCA Montreal team welcome Ms. H el ene L epine who will begin her duties on October 31, 2011 as the organization's new ceo-executive director.

Ms. L epine's professional path and leadership qualities acquired through the years, respond to all aspects of the organization's expectations in this pivotal moment of its development. Ms. L epine's mandate will be to mobilize the organization with the goal of adopting its new strategic directions and translating them into action.

The YWCA would like to thank Ms. Linda D'Angelo, interim executive director, as well Ms. Sandra H ebert, director of finance and administration for their invaluable support and professionalism during this period of transition.

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Ms. Chantal Laberge appointed President of the Board of Directors of the YWCA

The boards of directors of the YWCA and the Women's Y Foundation along with the entire YWCA Montreal team congratulate Ms. Chantal Laberge on her appointment as president of the Board of Directors of the YWCA Montreal.

Since October 2010, Ms. Laberge has served on the YWCA Board of Directors as a member of the Finance Committee and as president of the Strategic Development Committee and is therefore the clear choice to take over as board president and to implement the strategic planning process of which she took an active part in.

A business consultant, Ms. Laberge has 25 years of experience in governance, strategic development and corporate finance, including 10 years with the Caisse de depot et de placement du Qu ebec. Ms. Laberge's undeniable qualities and expertise combined with her commitment to the cause of women and the organization, make her the ideal candidate to take the helm and guide the team towards a bright future. We wish her all the best as she accompanies the YWCA Montreal family through the process of development and growth.

The YWCA offers its sincere thanks to Ms. Sylvie Mercier, President and Founder of Masia d veloppement strat gique and outgoing president of the Board of Directors, for the more than 10 years of extraordinary passion and devotion.... for the trust, diligence and energy she has invested in this venerable institution in service to women for more than 100 years, whose survival and sustainability has always depended on women of strong personality and unshakable spirit such as Ms. Mercier.

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Ms. Anne Mezei appointed President of the Board of Director of the Women's Y Foundation

The boards of directors of the YWCA and the Foundation join with the entire YWCA Montreal team to congratulate Ms. Anne Mezei on her appointment as president of the Women's Y Foundation of Montreal on September 30, 2011.

Ms. Mezei has held top managerial positions in companies such as Cogeco Cable, Bell Canada and Groupe St. Hubert. She begins her mandate as president of the Foundation with the view of bringing her expertise in human resources to the service of women. Her goal is to strengthen ties and optimize communication between the YWCA and its foundation so that these two institutions may work better together and raise even more funds for this great cause.

We wish her the best of luck and thank her for her loyalty and devotion over the past three years as a member of the Foundation's board of directors.

The YWCA would also like to thank Ms. Josée Goulet, for her concerted efforts and commitment as president of the Board of Directors of the Foundation during the past year.

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