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**THE Y IS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF CANADA'S BEST EMPLOYERS FOR
RECENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY GRADUATES**

OTTAWA, February 9, 2021 – The YMCA-YWCA of the National Capital Region is honoured to be recognized by Canada's Top 100 Employers and included in their 2021 Career Directory as one of Canada's best employers for recent college and university graduates.

The Career Directory is Canada's longest-running employment guide for recent college and university graduates. Each year, the editorial team at the Canada's Top 100 Employers project reviews thousands of employers for inclusion. The result is a trusted and objective resource that helps students and new graduates find jobs that make the most of their university degree or college diploma.

“We are truly honoured to be included in this year’s Career Directory,” says Bob Gallagher, President and CEO at the YMCA-YWCA of the National Capital Region. “With entry-level positions available in a variety of vocations, we are deeply committed to creating an inclusive work environment and providing recent graduates with opportunities to develop their careers at the Y.”

In an already competitive market, the COVID-19 pandemic has created even greater challenges for those who are younger and less experienced to find meaningful employment. The Y has many opportunities available for people starting their careers, and programs have been created to ensure staff are hired and trained efficiently, despite COVID restrictions. Parts of Y onboarding and orientation have been moved online, and technology is in place for those able to work from home. Most Y programs and services are continuing to operate during the pandemic.

“With hundreds of full- and part-time employees, the Y strives to be among the best workplaces in the National Capital Region,” says Mr. Gallagher. “We’re proud to provide diverse and inclusive work environments and opportunities for employees to help make a positive impact in our community, even during the pandemic.”

The YMCA-YWCA of the National Capital offers a wide range of employment opportunities in a variety of roles including early childhood educators, fitness professionals, employment counsellors, newcomer specialists, housing program support, camp counsellors, and outdoor educators. For more information, please visit our website.

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About the YMCA-YWCA of the National Capital Region

Founded in 1867, the YMCA-YWCA of the National Capital Region is a registered charity dedicated to building healthy communities. The organization is committed to nurturing the potential of children, teens and young adults, promoting healthy living and supporting vulnerable people within the community. The Y serves more than 90,000 people across the Ottawa region annually. A focus on inclusiveness and accessibility means people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities are served through all stages of life; and through its financial assistance programs, the Y is accessible to all. To learn more visit ymcaywca.ca.

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