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Brockville - August 28, 2014 - The Board of Directors of the YMCA of Brockville and Area is pleased to introduce Diana Deakin-Thomas as interim CEO, a role she will hold for the next 18 months. "Diana is a highly respected and skilled YMCA professional, and her extensive experience will be a significant asset to our Y and our community" says Sara Piracha, Board Chair, YMCA of Brockville and Area.

"I am honoured to be joining the Brockville team and look forward to serving the area's vibrant communities", says Deakin-Thomas. She will begin her transition to full leadership in mid-September.

Deakin-Thomas is a seasoned professional with over 25 years of experience in diverse senior staff and volunteer roles at numerous YMCAs in Canada and the United States. A Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE), Diana currently supports all YMCAs in Canada as the General Manager, Philanthropic Capacity. She began her career in YMCA pools in the Montreal area and since then has managed the quality of health, fitness & aquatics programs, supervised day and overnight camps, and led community and employment programs. For 5 years, Diana held the role of Vice President and General Manager of the Mississauga YMCA, a 115,000 square foot Health, Fitness & Aquatics facility with a membership of 10,000 at the time.

Deakin-Thomas assumes this role as Kim Charteris, current interim CEO, must return to her duties at YMCA Ontario as originally planned. "I wish to extend our thanks to Kim. She has been an outstanding interim leader during this transition," says Piracha.

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About the YMCA of Brockville and Area

The YMCA of Brockville and Area is a community catalyst for healthy living, personal development and social responsibility. Strengthening community is our cause. Transforming lives is what we do.

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