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Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada, Becomes Patron of YMCA Canada

(Toronto, ON) – YMCA Canada is pleased to announce that Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada, has become the Patron of YMCA Canada.

In granting patronage to YMCA Canada, Her Excellency shows her support for the community building work of the YMCA.

“We are honoured that Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette has become Patron of YMCA Canada” says Brenda Flaherty, Board Chair, YMCA Canada. “We share her belief in the power of working together and offering supportive structures so everyone can reach their goals.”

In her installation speech, Her Excellency stated that in Canada we “are in a position now more than ever to make a difference. Because we are rich: rich in values, openness, tolerance, mutual co-operation and compassion.”

Peter Dinsdale, President and CEO of YMCA Canada agrees with this sentiment, noting “community building is at the heart of what we do as a charity. We’re committed to offering inclusive spaces where people come together, feel they belong, and are supported in achieving goals that are meaningful to them.”

Viceregal patronage recognizes special contributions to Canadian society, bringing special attention to worthy causes and showcasing excellence. YMCA Canada’s history of patronage dates back to 1944 when the Earl of Athlone became the first Patron of YMCA Canada.

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About YMCA Canada

The YMCA is a powerful association of people joined together by a shared passion to foster a sense of belonging for all. In an age of complex social challenges, the YMCA is steadfastly dedicated to building healthy communities by inviting and encouraging Canadians to join in, to give back, and to gain the connections, skills, and confidence they need to thrive.

YMCA Canada is a charity, and the national office of the Canadian YMCA Federation, providing support to 46 YMCA Member Associations. For more than a century we’ve been at the heart of communities across the country, serving evolving needs and providing vital community services.

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