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YWCA Toronto welcomes new President

May 11, 2011 - YWCA Toronto is pleased to announce the election of Dr. Rosemary Moodie (BSc., MB BS., FRCP(C), FAAP, MBA) as Board President.

A member of the YWCA Board of Directors since 2008, Dr. Moodie is a passionate advocate for the rights of women and children. As a dedicated volunteer and philanthropist, Dr. Moodie has focused on working with organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life and well-being of marginalized members of the community, particularly women and girls.

“I am thrilled to be leading this dynamic organization. The YWCA is a vital organization in Toronto, helping thousands of women and girls build stronger and healthier lives. The YWCA is also a leader in our collective efforts to build a more just and inclusive city,” said Moodie.

“Dr. Moodie takes the helm during a significant moment of growth at the YWCA. We are expanding our affordable housing options for women and children, most notably with the YWCA Elm Centre which will open this summer,” said Heather McGregor, YWCA Chief Executive Officer.

Dr. Moodie is a paediatrician and neonatologist who has provided medical care for critically ill newborn infants and children while working to improve medical service delivery needs in the field of obstetrics, gynecology and paediatrics.

Dr. Moodie received her medical training at the University of the West Indies and an Executive Masters in Business Administration from The Rotman School at the University of Toronto. She is currently completing her Master’s in Public Policy and Administration – with a focus in Health Policy – at Queen’s University.

YWCA Toronto is dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls. Our programs promote equality, economic security and lives free from violence. We help women and girls flee violence, secure housing, find jobs, establish their voices, enhance skills and develop confidence. We offer a range of housing options, employment and training programs, community support programs, girls' programs and family programs. We also engage in systemic advocacy.

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