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# HELENA FAMILY YMCA LEADERSHIP REALIGNMENT

(HELENA, MT) – The Helena Family YMCA today announced that its President and CEO, David Oclander, has stepped down and will transition from his role on May 15th. Oclander has led the Helena Family YMCA since April 2019. During his time with the YMCA, Oclander has upgraded the YMCA fitness equipment, realigned staff and roles, improved facilities, including adding a family locker room, expanded outreach and strengthened the YMCA’s position throughout the Helena-area community. Oclander is stepping down to support his wife, who is resuming her notable military career. Additionally, Oclander is looking to dedicating more time to his children. Oclander will continue to be part of the Helena Family YMCA family as a volunteer to help with the transition and drive the Helena Y’s future vision.

“I am excited about the progress that has been made at the YMCA over the course of the last year. The new leadership team has been empowered to drive change and improve every aspect of the YMCA. This leadership team lead by Judi will continue to move the YMCA forward in a way that everyone will be proud of,” said Oclander, who also added “Amy has been supporting my career and our family for 13 years. She gave up a remarkable military career to support me and it’s time for me to selflessly serve her in the same way. I am excited to support Judi and the Board with planning the future of the YMCA as well as staying involved with youth fitness and development programs.”

Judi Allen, the Helena Family YMCA’s Sports and Aquatics Director, has accepted the role Interim CEO. Allen’s prior experience includes program leadership with Montana Association of Realtors and includes exceptional organizational experience in multiple business fields, which will be a tremendous asset in leading the Helena Family YMCA.

“I want to thank David for his contribution to the Helena Family YMCA and his leadership,” said Allen. “I am looking forward to working with the amazing staff and reopening the Y for its members and the Helena Community.”

“David embraced the Helena Family YMCA, listened to members and the community, and successfully executed a strategic plan to improve the YMCA facility, programs, and community services.” shared Luke Soper, Chief Volunteer Officer on the YMCA Board of Directors. “The Y is moving in a positive direction. We appreciate David’s contributions, wish his family the best and look forward to working with him as a volunteer.” **###**