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YMCAs to Host Elected Officials During 2015 Advocacy Week

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Middletown, PA – The Pennsylvania State Alliance of YMCAs is pleased to announce that YMCA Advocacy Week begins on Monday, August 3rd.

More than 50 YMCAs across the Commonwealth have scheduled a variety of different events to host local, county, state and federal elected officials next week in celebration of the 2nd annual YMCA Advocacy Week.

These advocacy events are designed to showcase the work of the Y in serving local communities through the Y's three areas of focus: Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility. Elected officials will meet Y staff and volunteers, parents, children and other citizens who enjoy the many programs and services Ys offer. Some events will even engage these leaders in various Y activities.

“Advocacy Week truly helps to build the important relationship between the Y and our elected representatives.” said John Flynn, President and CEO of the Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA and State Alliance Chair. “They get to see firsthand what the Y is all about and the impact we are having as a charitable organization in the community and with their constituents.”

Last year, over 60 elected leaders attended Advocacy Week events ranging from facility tours and presentations to reading sessions with children and even a zip line run.

Pennsylvania YMCAs serve over 1 million Pennsylvanians as members and program participants and benefit from the services of 28,000 program volunteers and another 3,000 volunteers who serve on boards and committees.

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