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PAV YMCA Names New CEO/Executive Director

Jamie Kucera accepts position beginning January 16th

[BERWYN, 1/18/2012] – The Pav YMCA Board of Directors has announced Jamie Kucera has been named the CEO/Executive Director of the Pav YMCA. Kucera's first day as CEO/Executive Director was Monday, January 16, 2012. She replaces John Usmyal, who retired in October 2011.

Jamie has been a part of the Pav YMCA family for the last 12 years and has spent the last 8 years as Senior Program Director. She has been an integral part of the Pav YMCA's success over the years in building community partnerships, fundraising efforts, and has served as Interim CEO/Executive Director since October.

In addition to her excellent work in programming, Jamie has played a key role in many of the Y's special events, grant writing, fundraising, community outreach and marketing. She was also very involved in the completion of the Y's recent strategic plan.

"This is an exciting opportunity for me," says Kucera. "Having started at the Pav YMCA as a part time employee, this job has been in my vision since day one."

Kucera is a lifelong resident of the area and is a product of school districts #100 and #201. She is very active in community organizations and serves as the treasurer of Komarek School PTA, member for the South Berwyn Education Foundation Board and volunteers for the North Riverside Little League, where her daughter Allie participates. Kucera believes "I was meant to serve this community forever. My parents have instilled strong values of community and commitment in their four kids. I intend to remain committed to where I grew up."

Kucera's future plans for the Pav YMCA includes building stronger partnerships with local agencies and businesses in the Y's seven service areas expand the Y's programs, and a possible addition onto the YMCA facility.

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About the Pav YMCA

The Pav YMCA has been serving the communities of Berwyn, Cicero, Stickney, Riverside, North Riverside and Lyons for the past 40 years. We are a cause driven, nonprofit organization committed to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Every day we work side by side with people from all walks of life towards our mission: To put Christian principals into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.