

WOOD RIVER COMMUNITY YMCA WELCOMES TERESA BEAHEN AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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KETCHUM, Idaho – Wood River YMCA proudly announces that Teresa Beahen, a seasoned YMCA executive with 20 years experience combined in Denver and Minneapolis, will join the Blaine County YMCA team as Executive Director on June 1. As executive director, Beahen will join the team leading fundraising efforts; serve as an advocate for the YMCA vision within the community; develop and implement a strategic plan; build an outstanding staff; prepare and manage the budget; and establish the YMCA culture. Beahen is thrilled to be a part of the enthusiastic team bringing the YMCA to Blaine County and calls her new endeavor a “once-in-a-lifetime experience.”

“How many times do lifelong YMCA professionals have an opportunity to build something that they are so passionate about from the ground up?” said Teresa Beahen. “The Wood River community has a perfect recipe for success. The board is phenomenal and the community is excited. I feel so blessed to be joining hands with such an incredible group of individuals where there is already such strong support.”

Beahen is currently vice president of membership, marketing, and development and acting director at the Littleton Family YMCA in Denver, Colo. In this role she also supervises five other YMCA executives. She has broad-based experience in financial management, staff and volunteer development, membership and program development, strategic planning, operations management and facilities planning, and is a proven fund raiser with excellent results. Beahen was born in Minneapolis, Minn., where she served as associate executive director of the Northwest YMCA, and moved to Denver in 1998, where she was executive director of the Downtown Branch until taking her current position.

“When we began our search for an executive director, we were mainly looking for an individual with a strong commitment to the YMCA mission and a strong record of management and leadership performance in a membership-based organization,” said Cynthia Murphy, Wood River Community YMCA Board Chair. “With Teresa, we have found someone with all those qualifications and in a lifelong YMCA environment! Her enthusiasm and experience will, without a doubt, help us to achieve our goals with even greater success.”

For Beahen, the move to Blaine County is an exciting time both professionally and

personally. She became engaged on New Year's Eve to Dave Lipman, who will also be relocating to Blaine County.

“When I interviewed for this position, I knew it was the right fit,” added Beahen. “I can’t imagine a community without a Y. I know firsthand the impact such a facility has on a community, especially its children. I’m looking forward to focusing my efforts on just one fabulous facility. For the first few months I will spend my time getting to know the board and other key individuals, finishing the capital campaign, starting programs, and hiring our exciting team. I am anxious to get started!” __ Over 150 years in existence, the YMCA is collectively the largest non-profit community service organization in the United States. The new Wood River community center was granted YMCA status last year and has developed architectural plans as well as a business plan for the facility. In addition, public transportation to the new YMCA will be made available for people throughout the valley and the center will be affordable and accessible to everyone in the community. The YMCA is still actively pursuing fundraising efforts toward its capital campaign to help put its plans for the center in motion.

For more information on contributing to the Wood River Community YMCA’s capital campaign, please contact Mike Wolter, Campaign Director for the Wood River Community YMCA, at 208-726-6260 or email to mike@WoodRiverYMCA.org. Additional information on the YMCA organization can be found at www.ymca.net.

Wood River Community YMCA was granted YMCA status in 2003 and is currently in fundraising and planning for a center that will serve all of Wood River Valley. For more information on contributing to the capital campaign, please contact Mike Wolter, Campaign Director, at 208-726-6260 or mike@woodriverymca.org. The YMCA, over 150 years old, is collectively the largest non-profit community service organization in the United States. Additional information on the YMCA organization can be found at www.ymca.net.