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Michael Leone Receives Highest Central Connecticut Coast YMCA Volunteer Award

[New Haven, CT, May 28, 2014] – The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA recently awarded their H. Richard Brew Volunteer Service Award to Michael Leone of Stratford, CT for his long time service and commitment to the Y.

The H. Richard Brew Volunteer Service Award was instituted in 2005 as a way to honor the 35 years of volunteer service to the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA association provided by H. Richard Brew. While given upon his retirement from the Association Board of Directors, it was intended that his legacy be honored in subsequent years by presenting this award to volunteers who have demonstrated *character, commitment and long-term dedication* to the YMCA.

Michael Leone has volunteered his time, talent and treasures to our Y since 1986. He constantly demonstrates his commitment and passion for the mission of the Y especially to our supportive and affordable housing initiatives.

Leone first joined the Corporate Board of Directors for what was then the Bridgeport Y; later became an At Large Member of the Board; Assistant Treasurer; Second Vice President; and later Chairman. He was instrumental in the merger between the YMCAs of Greater Bridgeport and Greater New Haven – the birth of the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA. Mike served as Chair of the Shore Area Community Development Corporation Board of Managers and played a key role during the merger with Alpha Home Inc. which is now known as Alpha Community Services YMCA. He has served on the CCC Y Board of Trustees as Treasurer and Investment Committee Chair for many years.

As a recently retired People's Bank Executive Vice President, Mike is currently the Treasurer of the Alpha Community Services Y Board of Managers. With seven children and countless grandchildren, Mike and his wife Mary Alice, are active participants at the ACS Y Walk to End Homelessness and Annual Holiday Appeal.

PHOTO CAPTION:

Carmen Colon, Alpha Community Services YMCA Executive Director; Jon Leckerling, CCC Y Immediate Past Board Chairman; Mary Alice Leone; Michael Leone, H. Richard Brew Volunteer Service Award Recipient; Ed Piendl, Alpha Community Services YMCA Board Chair; and David Stevenson, CCC Y President & CEO.

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About the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA

The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA is a community service agency dedicated to addressing community needs that enrich families, promote health and wellness, develop youth and build self-esteem for all. YMCA membership and participation is open to everyone regardless of race or ethnic background, religious preference or ability to pay. In 2013, the CCC YMCA served 87,000 kids, families and adults in twenty-five towns and cities. Approximately 32,000 youth participated in child care, youth sports, summer camping and Youth in Government programs. 7,441 children took advantage of the Y's instructional swimming lessons and water safety education programs; 46,304 youth and adults participated in health, wellness, education, physical activity and diabetes prevention programs and services. With a team of social workers and an inventory of 415 apartments, the Y continued to serve as the largest provider of affordable and supportive housing in the state. The CCC YMCA also provided \$2.8 million in direct financial assistance to approximately 5,691 children, individuals and families. The Central Connecticut Coast Y is based in downtown New Haven with eleven Y branches in Greater New Haven and Greater Bridgeport while also operating YMCA Camp Hi-Rock, a 1,000 acre residential and day camp in Mt. Washington, Massachusetts. **W** cccymca.org **P** 203 777 9622

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