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## **Melissa A. Kessell Has Joined the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**

(New Haven, CT June 27, 2012) The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA has named Melissa A. Kessell as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

Melissa has a wealth of knowledge in accounting, budgeting, and information technology system development and improvements. Her experience in these areas, combined with her ability to coach and supervise a team will be an asset to the organization and a welcomed addition to the senior staff.

Prior to joining the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA, Melissa worked as a Controller with a local event marketing firm. Her background also includes three years as the Controller at the YMCA of South Hampton Roads, an outstanding YMCA Association based in Norfolk, VA.

Melissa holds a BA in Accounting; a Master's in Business Administration and is recognized as a Certified Public Accountant.

Melissa is originally from Weatherly, PA and she currently resides in Madison, CT with her husband and child.

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 2011, the CCC YMCA served 3,000 families daily in child care programs; 10,000 kids participated in youth sports programs; 15,500 children took advantage of the Y's instructional swimming lessons; 4,693 kids attended one of our day camps, 776 youth experienced the magic of resident camp; and 1,685 people were served through one of our housing programs. The CCC YMCA also provided \$3.37 million in direct financial assistance to more than 6,000 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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