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**YWCA Metropolitan Chicago announces new Board members**

*144-year-old social enterprise expands board to help advance its mission of Eliminating Racism and Empowering Women*

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YWCA Metropolitan Chicago inducted 12 new members to its Board of Directors as it began the 2021 fiscal year, bringing the total number of board members to 61.

*“We are delighted to welcome these highly accomplished and dedicated people,”* said Board President Joyce Winnecke. *“They join a board whose members are very effectively supporting this rapidly growing organization in the crucial mission of eliminating racism and empowering women.”*

New board members beginning a two-year term on July 1, 2020 are:

- Denise M. Demaio, MUFG Americas Chief Audit Executive, MUFG Union Bank, N.A.
- Teri O. Frankiewicz, Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Crown Community Development
- Mercedes Garcia, Vice President Community Relations, Mastercard
- Julie Jefson, Managing Director and Partner, Boston Consulting Group
- Patricia Jones-Blessman, Private Practice
- Pete Kadens, Chairman, The Kadens Family Foundation
- Cynthia McCafferty, President and CEO, Hawthorne Strategy Group, INC
- Tracey Nott-Seward, Managing Director, Accenture
- Karen Pittenger, President, Black Olive
- Jonathan Reinsdorf, CEO, FroogalPay, LLC
- Neema Varghese, Managing Director, NV Consulting Services, LLC
- Bonnie Wheeler, Retired

Paroo Uppal, Senior Vice President of Consulting for Klick Health and Chair of YWCA Metropolitan Chicago’s Nominating Committee, said the 2021 class brings a valuable range of experience.

*“This year’s new board members bring a breadth of expertise spanning financial management,*

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*communications and management consulting,” Uppal said. “More importantly, they bring a passion and sense of urgency for improving the lives of others. We are humbled by all they have done and excited for all they will propel us to do together.”*

Supporting CEO Dorri McWhorter and an executive team of YWCA staff members, the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago board provides governance oversight and contributes to financial sustainability through strategic partnership development and revenue generation activities.

Under Dorri’s leadership, with support and guidance from the Board of Directors, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago has grown its operating budget from from \$10.5 Million in Fiscal Year 2014 to \$30 Million in Fiscal Year 2021.

*“With agility, innovative thinking and a market-driven approach, YWCA Chicago continues to reach more people and deepen its impact in the fight for social justice,” Winnecke said. “The board is dedicated to supporting the work and the mission.”*

A complete list of the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago Board of Directors can be found [here](#).

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### **About YWCA Metropolitan Chicago**

Founded in 1876, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is a social enterprise committed to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. As a leading association among a national network of more than 200 YWCAs, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago impacts tens of thousands of women and families annually through comprehensive human services provided across the region. YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is a leading service provider in the areas of sexual violence support services, early childhood and child care provider services, family support services, youth STEM programming, and economic empowerment services. Our commitment to racial justice, equity, and inclusion runs through all of our programs. Located in the third-largest American city, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago serves as a national incubator for innovative programming, outreach and engagement strategies.

Contributing to our diverse and balanced economy, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is working at the individual and systems levels to create an inclusive marketplace where everyone thrives. The organization is also an active member of many national, state, county and city-level coalitions, advocating for policies that combat racism and positively affect women and families. Learn more at [www.ywcachicago.org](http://www.ywcachicago.org) or follow [@ywcachicago](#).