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YMCA Southcoast Holds Annual Meeting Volunteers from across the Southcoast Region Recognized

New Bedford, MA (June 16, 2008) – YMCA Southcoast held its 141st Annual Meeting at the Mattapoisett YMCA on June 11, 2008. Over 90 members, board members, staff and community members were in attendance.

In addition to highlights of 2007 being shared, Winston DeFreitas from the New Bedford YMCA was recognized as Employee of the Year for outstanding member service.

Executive Directors of each of the YMCA Southcoast branches also recognized key volunteers:

- Gleason Family Y in Wareham: Eleanor Mower
- Fall River Y: George Papineau
- Mattapoisett Y: JP Mathieu
- New Bedford Y: Bob McDonald
- Dartmouth Y: Marylou Clarke

Additionally Gary Schuyler, President & CEO of YMCA Southcoast presented Connie Cesario, from Citizens Union Savings Bank with the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award.

The following were voted in as officers of YMCA Southcoast at the meeting: Charles N. Decas, Chairman, Lawrence T. Wilson, 1st Vice Chairperson, Margaret D. Xifaras, 2nd Vice Chairperson, Dr. Brian K. Bowcock, Treasurer and Robert R. Coykendall, Clerk. Susan Harrington and Nancy McFadden were also newly elected to the YMCA Southcoast Board of Directors.

YMCA Southcoast has been working to meet the health and social service needs of families throughout the Southcoast area for nearly 150 years. There are currently five branch sites, serving more than 16,000 members. YMCAs embrace people of all ages, incomes, abilities, religions and ethnic backgrounds and build strong kids, strong families and strong communities. Financial assistance is available for membership and programs. For more information, call 508-996-9622, go to www.ymcasouthcoast.org or visit the nearest YMCA Southcoast branch.

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