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strong families, strong communities.

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YMCA Buffalo Niagara Helps to Plant over 440 Trees- Just by Changing our Light Bulbs

(Buffalo, NY) – YMCA Buffalo Niagara is going to help out the environment, simply by changing the light bulbs in all of our branches. By changing to more energy efficient bulbs the six full facility branches of YMCA Buffalo Niagara will be reducing greenhouse gas emissions by over 300,000 pounds annually! That’s the equivalent of planting 448 trees each year! The YMCA is excited that this new energy savings plan will help save over 250,000 kilowatts of energy.

“The retro-fit replacement program will replace our existing lights with T8 fluorescent bulbs. We will also be removing the existing HID fixtures in the gymnasiums and replacing them with a T5 high output fixture. These lights will be set up to be motion activated sensor lights so that we are not lighting the room when it is not in use,” said Brian Byrne Corporate Properties Manager.

Locally founded in 1852, YMCA Buffalo Niagara is an inclusive association of people committed to a common effort to help individuals and families reach their fullest potential in terms of spirit, mind, and body. The YMCAs focus on health and wellness is reflected in the variety of programs that we offer for all ages and abilities. Additionally collaborations with insurance carriers such as Univera, Independent Health, and BlueCross BlueShield provide the opportunity for those wanting to take the first step toward a healthier lifestyle to do so at the YMCA.

A not for profit organization, YMCA Buffalo Niagara serves over 100,000 people annually through the seven branches located throughout Western New York, YMCA Camp Weona, as well as at over 40 community based program sites. This tremendous outreach would not be possible without the support of our volunteers. From summer camp, preschool and school age child care to SilverSneakers®, youth sports programs and swimming lessons-there is something for everyone at the YMCA. For more information visit us online at www.ymcabuffaloniagara.org

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