

# YSTAFF

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## YMCA Professionals Receive Recognition

**(Buffalo, NY)** – YMCA Buffalo Niagara would like to congratulate two outstanding YMCA professionals on their awards which were recently **presented to them by the Association of YMCA Professionals at their Annual Recognition Event.**

Jody Hares, who is a program director for the Northeast Family YMCA Branch received the **Program Professional of the Year Award**. **This award** recognizes a YMCA professional who demonstrates outstanding program management.



Jeff Townsend, Executive Director of the Southtowns Family YMCA Branch was the recipient of the **Triangle Award**. **This award** recognizes a YMCA professional who has developed and managed quality programs/facility which incorporates spirit, mind, and body and has made an impact on the community.



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. Founded locally in 1852, the YMCA is committed to significantly expanding a fiscally sound, service delivery organization which delivers high quality, market driven services to a growing Western New York constituency.

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As a dynamic, charitable, organization, YMCA Buffalo Niagara has been able to assist countless youth, families, and senior citizens so that they may benefit from YMCA programming. YMCA Buffalo Niagara serves more than 100,000 people annually through its association of seven branches across Western New York, YMCA resident Camp Weona as well as 40 community based program sites. From fitness to school age child care programs, swimming lessons to camp, there is something for everyone at the YMCA. For more information on all of the programs the YMCA has to offer and our financial assistance program, please contact your local YMCA branch or visit us online at [www.ymcabuffaloniagara.org](http://www.ymcabuffaloniagara.org).

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