

## FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT® FOR HEALTHY LIVING FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## **BOB HALL'S Y STORY**

Bob Hall's Y story is unique. It is one of longevity, service mindedness and intentionality toward the missional work of the Y. Bob is committed to the cause of the Y and daily lives out the Y's Christian principles in everything he does.

Bob's Y journey began in 1985 when he came on staff as the CFO. The Christian mission, history and heritage of the YMCA drew him in further as he began his career. Although staying at the Y for a career was not his original intention, the more he got involved, the more his heart grew for the purpose of the Y and the more he knew this is where he belonged.

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Bob's career with the Y, before he became CEO, grew through a variety of roles. He oversaw branches as their interim Executive Director, supervisor and Operations Officer. His involvement in various pieces of the Y has helped him understand the impact and reach of our resources. While he was in these positions, he observed that the original Y mission and purpose lacked priority. This grieved him, as the foundation of the YMCA was mission focused and service based. When Bob became the CEO, he made it his personal mission to uphold the original purpose of love, respect, honesty, responsibility and service in everything our Y does.

The passionate people who surrender their time to help further the mission of the Y continually please and surprise Bob. He is inspired by those who are committed to what they believe in, and who are willing to put their "time, talent and treasure behind [their beliefs], no matter if they are staff or volunteers." In turn, some of the most influential people in Bob's life are in the Y community. He seeks to learn from and emulate those with integrity, wisdom and strong character. His mentors come from those he works alongside—no matter their job title. "I don't want to be so high-minded in thinking we are better than others, thinking that someone else wouldn't be able to contribute opinions to the cause."

Bob's endurance though the years is rooted in his life calling from God and knowledge that this is where he is supposed to be. He hopes all employees and volunteers can share in pursuing the purposeful call on their life.



Watching individuals enrich the lives of those in the community is gratifying to Bob's personal mission and the mission of the Y. His goal—since he began—is to have a continued emphasis on the Christian mission and purpose. Bob's primary objective is for more and more people to encounter the Gospel through the work of the Y—building up great opportunities to serve in the coming years. Through his time at the Y, Bob wants to see it upheld, advanced and implemented. He hopes to reach that goal through continual service to people through increasing programs and "adding more chaplains, to meet the emotional and spiritual needs of our community." Bob aspires to see the organization continue to be an "influence for good and righteousness in the world."

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"The Y has endured over time because we are relevant—we give people what they need and what they ask for." Through the 150th anniversary, Bob desires to introduce those who do not know the Y, to our missional purpose and commitment for a healthy spirit, mind and body.