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**YWCA Princeton Welcomes Five New Board Members  
Under Leadership of Incoming President Leslie Straut Ward**

**Princeton, NJ Wednesday, July 6, 2022**—YWCA Princeton is beginning its new fiscal year by welcoming five new members to its Board of Directors. As members of the YW Board, members will help steer the organization towards a sustainable future by adopting sound, ethical, and legal governance and financial management policies, as well as by making sure it has adequate resources to advance its mission to eliminate racism and empower women. Long-time YWCA Princeton supporter, former program participant, and Board member Leslie Straut Ward also moves into her new role as Board President.

YWCA Princeton's Board of Directors—a uniquely all-female Board at this time—offer a variety of professional experiences and networks. Critically, they work collaboratively to strengthen connections and partnerships in the community to advance the organization's reach and deepen its impact. YWCA Princeton welcomes:

Reina Fleury, Vice President of Human Resources at Penn Medicine Princeton Health;

Nikki Etheridge Jones, Head of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and People Ops at Healthcare Businesswoman's Association;

Kendra Lee, Deputy Director of Programs of Mercer County One-Stop Career Center and Workforce Development Board;

Sheila Nall, Principal, Director of Interior Design at KSS Architects; and

Leena Shah, Executive Director of Oncology/Tumor Strategies at Bristol-Myers Squibb.

New members were welcomed by YWCA Princeton stakeholders and staff at the Annual Membership Meeting in May and recently participated in an orientation in the last week of June.

Incoming Board President Leslie Straut Ward shared, “I’m honored to lead YWCA Princeton’s Board of Directors during its centennial year serving the community. My fellow Board members will support the YW’s staff to ensure we are meeting the ever-changing needs of women and families while advancing our mission.”

To learn more about YWCA Princeton’s Board of Directors, visit <https://www.ywcaprinceton.org/meet-board-directors/>. To learn more about YWCA Princeton’s 100-year history of supporting the broader Mercer County community, visit <https://www.ywcaprinceton.org/>.

### **About YWCA Princeton**

YWCA Princeton is #OnAMission to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. The YW advances its mission through programs that promote equity by creating opportunity, and support women and girls through every age and every stage of life. Programs and support services include childcare, English as a second language classes, a breast cancer resource center, professional and social groups, and more. For details about programs and advocacy, visit [www.ywcaprinceton.org](http://www.ywcaprinceton.org).

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