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Jason Vasaris of HFAH joins Jackson YMCA Board

Jackson native provides experience in real estate and property management

JACKSON, MI, March 5, 2020 – The Jackson YMCA has announced **Jason Vasaris** of Henry Ford Allegiance Health (HFAH) has joined the Jackson YMCA Board of Directors. Vasaris, an expert in real estate acquisition and development, has been employed by the health system since 2011.

Vasaris is currently serving as chair of the Jackson YMCA Capital Campaign Building Design and Construction Committee. This team of volunteers and YMCA staff are working with contracted design and construction professionals to site, design and build the new YMCA facility.

“Jason has been a great addition to our volunteer team. His experience and knowledge of finance, real estate and property management has been a tremendous asset as we focus on creating a healthy living campus downtown,” said **Matt Curfman**, Chief Volunteer Officer of the Jackson Y Board of Directors. “The efficient and impactful use of contributed dollars is a priority for the Y and Jason.”

The Jackson YMCA is well over halfway to its \$25 million capital campaign goal. The campaign pledge total of \$18.2 million includes a \$3 million matching grant from the Consumers Energy Foundation. In February, Henry Ford Allegiance Health contributed \$1 million, including naming rights to the wellness center.

“As we get nearer to our campaign fundraising goal, excitement is building around the reality of a new YMCA and a healthy living campus,” Vasaris said. “The Y’s building and design team is working hard to make sure the new facility will be a safe, fully accessible and a welcoming gathering place that, with the help of our partners, meets the evolving needs of our community well into the future.”

A Jackson native, Vasaris attended Jackson College and Spring Arbor University, earning a bachelor’s degree in accounting and an MBA. He has served on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army for the past nine years. Vasaris lives in the Spring Arbor area with his wife, Jenny, and their six children – making the Y focus on Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility a perfect fit.

“The team at the YMCA does incredible work every day to address needs, improve health and wellness and be that third place for our community,” said Vasaris. “I am thrilled for the opportunity to give back to Jackson by serving on the YMCA board and contributing to the design and building of a new, downtown facility.”

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About the Jackson YMCA

Since 1896 the Jackson YMCA has worked to provide opportunities for individuals from all walks of life. The Y serves men and women of all ages, religions and economic backgrounds through programs focused on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The Jackson YMCA moved into its current facility in 1962 and has undergone numerous renovations. Visit JacksonYMCA.org to learn more.