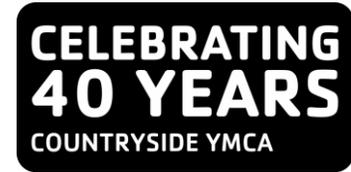




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COUNTRYSIDE YMCA ANNOUNCES NEW CEO

After a nationwide search, the Board of Directors of Lebanon's Countryside YMCA, is announcing Chris Johnson as its new CEO.

"Chris' passion for people, our mission and what Countryside YMCA means to our community will help lead us over the next several years. I believe Chris will complement our excellent staff and I am extremely encouraged that together they will have a very positive impact on our members, volunteers and the people of our community," said Eric Meilstrup, Countryside YMCA president of the Board.

Deeply involved with the Lebanon community, Johnson's leadership strengths have been demonstrated in both corporate and non-profit environments. After graduating Magna Cum Laude from The Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in industrial and systems engineering, he was hired by General Electric on its senior leader development tract. During his 12-year career with GE, he was recognized as a change agent, transforming under-performing territories and business units into high performing assets. His experience included successfully creating and implementing strategic operational processes, coaching and developing employees, and managing business development efforts. Most recently, since 2009, he has served as executive pastor of Antioch Church. During his nine-year tenure there he helped lead the congregation's growth from less than 100 to more than 1200 regular attenders, more than quadrupling its budget.

Johnson's civic involvement has included leadership positions within the Lebanon Rotary Club (having served as project chair, 2nd vice president, 1st vice president, and president); serving in leadership capacities for the Lebanon Schools Capital Improvement Tax Levy; serving as a Board member and on the Internal Affairs Committee of the Warren County Community Services; and having coached Lebanon youth sports for many years. He was recently selected to serve on the board of Lebanon's Harmon Civic Trust.

He and his family – wife, Allison, and children Drew, Emily, Anna and Luke, have all benefitted from their years of involvement with Countryside YMCA. Even before school age and continuing today, the entire family have participated in and volunteered to serve in YMCA group programs and sports; and Drew is a lifeguard.

"Having been a part of this community, observing and experiencing the significance of the Countryside YMCA for the past 14 years, I am deeply honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve alongside such an amazing collection of staff and volunteers. I look forward to continuing and growing the impact we bring to bettering the lives of our members and our community," Johnson said of his new CEO role.

About Countryside YMCA

This year Countryside YMCA celebrates its 40th anniversary of serving the Warren County community. Since 1978, Countryside YMCA has embodied the Christian principles that welcome everyone in an environment where people of all ages can achieve a balance of spirit, mind and body. Located on a beautiful 126-acre property, Countryside YMCA is one of the world's largest YMCAs offering eight pools, five gymnasiums, two indoor tracks, a rock climbing wall, a 13,000 square ft. cardio/ weight room, the Arts Center, Stolle Center for active seniors, the Motion Zone for active youth, a wide range of exercise, sports, and creative expression classes, disc golf, summer day camp for kids, and scenic trails. To learn more, please visit www.countrysideymca.org.

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