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WITH ITS EIGHTH CONSECUTIVE $100,000 GIFT TO THE Y, NORTHCOUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION SUPPORTS KIDS

Gift brings investment in youth programs to more than $800,000

April 8, 2019 – Burlington, VT – Greater Burlington YMCA President & CEO Kyle Dodson announced today that NorthCountry Federal Credit Union has made an eighth annual gift of $100,000 to support Y Youth Development programs in the community. Combined with seven consecutive previous $100,000 gifts and earlier program funding, this brings NorthCountry’s support of the Y to more than $800,000 over a decade.

As the Y’s Community Partner for Youth Programs, NorthCountry focuses its support on ensuring that children and families, regardless of financial means, have access to high-quality early child care, engaging afterschool programs, enriching summer camp experiences, and life-saving water safety class.

“We couldn’t ask for a better partner than NorthCountry,” said Dodson. “They’re exactly the kind of friend kids need—someone to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with you and support you when it comes to the most important things in life. We’re grateful that NorthCountry’s board, leadership, employees, and members share our passion for giving kids a strong start in life.”

“Almost everyone has heard a great Y kid’s story,” says Bob Morgan, CEO of NorthCountry Federal Credit Union. “We often hear about children learning to swim, going to camp, or attending afterschool programs. We are pleased to continue our Youth Development partnership with the Y, giving our neighbors the opportunity to participate in these beneficial programs while learning, having fun, and building futures.”

Annually, close to 3,000 children access Y early childhood programs, afterschool, swim team, and summer camps. Close to an additional 1,000 participate in Y water safety and swim lesson classes.

NorthCountry’s generosity extends well beyond their annual financial contribution. Each year, NorthCountry employees engage with the Y through service on the Y board
and committees, clean up days at Camp Abnaki, hosting a Y “Giving Tree” at their Swift Street branch, and more.

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**About the Y**

The Greater Burlington YMCA is a non-profit organization with a mission to build a strong community by involving youth, adults and families in programs and activities that develop spirit, mind, and body. Last year, the Y awarded $470,000 in financial assistance so everyone could access the Y’s life-enriching programs.