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## GreatLIFE Golf & Fitness enters into partnership with Topeka YMCA

**Topeka, Ks.** – Beginning on October 29, 2018, GreatLIFE Golf & Fitness will own and operate the Topeka YMCA Downtown and North branches. The YMCA of Topeka Board of Directors approved the proposal in a unanimous vote on Tuesday, July 31, 2018. YMCA administrative offices will move to the YMCA Southwest branch and this branch will operate as headquarters for the YMCA going forward. All current YMCA childcare services and locations will remain the same. The YMCA will continue to offer programs and services in over 10 area schools and will continue to provide services to seniors, youth in the Topeka community and surrounding areas.

"We are looking forward to working with John Mugler and all those associated with the YMCA of Topeka. GreatLIFE has been part of successful partnerships like this one in the Sioux Falls market as well as locally with the YWCA. This new agreement will expand the amenities that GreatLIFE has to offer for both YMCA members as well as GreatLIFE members." said Rick Farrant, President and Owner of GreatLIFE Golf & Fitness.

Both YMCA branches will be open and operating for members with no disruption in service.

GreatLIFE plans to transform the downtown branch into a Performance Center offering state of the art fitness equipment, group exercise classes, boxing, cross training, yoga classes, cycling classes and more! The YMCA North branch will be transformed into GreatPLAY and will include an indoor trampoline park, indoor laser tag, paintball, arcade games, jungle gym, outdoor basketball, Footgolf, Disc golf, outdoor bicycling, obstacle course, fitness center, swimming pool, locker rooms and a party room.

The Topeka YMCA has a long history of service to the Topeka Community and surrounding areas. This service will continue. It is important that the YMCA and GreatLIFE continue to adapt to the changing market. What will not change is the YMCA's commitment to Christian principles, youth sports, senior care, healthy living and social responsibility. These same principles are shared by the owners of GreatLIFE. Both the downtown branch and the north branch will continue to provide support for the various programs & services the YMCA offers.

Current members of the Downtown and North YMCA branches will become members of GreatLIFE Golf & Fitness effective November 1, 2018 and will have the added value of a GreatLIFE fitness membership at all Topeka locations.

Current members of the YMCA's Southwest branch will remain members of the Southwest YMCA and will have the added value of a GreatLIFE fitness membership at all Topeka locations.

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## **About the YMCA of Topeka**

First established in Topeka as the Railroad YMCA in 1880. The YMCA, as it is known today, is the largest provider of childcare services in Shawnee County and provides services to seniors, youth and the community through its many programs.

## About GreatLIFE Golf & Fitness

With the addition of the two YMCA locations, GreatLIFE has 11 locations in the Topeka area. GreatLIFE Golf & Fitness is a family orientated business that provides golf courses, indoor and outdoor swimming pools and state of the art fitness centers to members and guests at affordable rates. The mission of GreatLIFE is to enrich the lives of families and individuals through golf, fitness and healthy lifestyles. In 2018 GreatLIFE celebrated their 33rd year in business. From the humble beginnings of Lake Perry Country Club in Ozawkie, KS, GreatLIFE now has over 90 locations in 5 states. The corporation continues to grow and thrive with the original ownership. The owners of GreatLIFE live locally with corporate offices in Topeka, KS. Please visit greatlifegolf.com for location, amenity and membership options.